

calculated to appeal likewise to the passions. Models are being carved in which the sacrifice of the simple and wholesome is none the less regrettable. Books, that great force for the moulding of the untutored mind, are being written, in which, under the disguising cloak of an attractive literary style, all that is ungodly is being taught in such a manner as often to deceive Christians of intellect and powers of discernment. Similarly doctrines are being preached under the guise of decency which are really subversive of faith and morals.

What true Christian and Catholic can stand idly by while the standard-bearers of "Art for art's sake" march joyously on to success? Should not strong efforts be put forth to stem the tide which is slowly, but surely, creeping over our civilization? Or shall we leave such exponents to wander on to the point of the unconsoling consolation of Kipling's reflection, "And each man hears, as the twilight nears to the beat of his dying heart,

The Devil drum on the window pane, 'You did it, but it was art.' "

It is impossible that vice and immorality, no matter how carefully disguised, shall ever be reconciled with the beautiful. If productions which are the result of perverted artistic or literary endeavor prove attractive, look to the insidious skill of the artist or writer for the cause of the trouble. Wholesome admiration has missed its mark if it turns up its thumb to that which is in opposition to the moral standards. "Art for art's sake," indeed!

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From a point of view of national diplomacy, one of the wisest acts of the United States Congress since the inception of the Wilson administration is the repeal of the Panama Tolls Acts. The reticence on the part of the United States in failing to renew several of Senator Root's arbitration treaties, due, in a certain degree, to Uncle Sam's hesitation at submitting to arbitration the question of exempting American coastwise vessels from paying canal tolls, has resulted in a certain lowering of the prestige enjoyed by the United States among the other nations of the world. This has been regretted by those who have seen the American republic a staunch principal in the present movement for world peace.

It has been gratifying, however, to view the manner in which President Wilson, the man who combines practicality with principle, is making his stand before Congress. And Congress has