

REV. FATHER GEORGE DESHON.

(Continued from last week.)

He was born in New London, eighty years ago. His family goes back to very early American ancestry. He was reared in Protestantism. In his early manhood he entered West Point, and there was graduated second in a class in which Grant was near the foot. His early associations with Grant had made them lifelong friends. The military training he received was so imbued into his system that he was ever after known as the "soldier priest," on account of his military bearing. For five years after his graduation he was instructor of Ethics and Mathematics.

It was at this time that the religious question interested him, and after some years of thought and investigation he submitted to the Church. In his priestly life as a missionary his forte was the didactic instructions, for he had little of the orator's power of imagination. He was hard-headed and logical, with a certain directness of speech and a forcefulness of manner that eschewed the grace of oratory. The severity of his mind led him to incline to asceticism, and his sermons, a volume of which has been recently published, were led with the best ideas of both ascetical and mystical theology. He was an author of some distinction.

During his missionary life he published a volume, "Guide for Young Women," which has run through thirty-two editions. He probably had as much to do in shaping the activities of the Paulists as any one other member, because of his hard-headed common sense view of affairs.

Father Hecker referred to him a great deal, while Father Hewitt, who had no attrait for detail of every day life, retired during the term of his superiority to the quiet solitudes of a scholarly life at the Catholic University and left the management to Father Deshon. He continued in charge of affairs to the day of his death.

He rounded out a long life of four score years of intense activity. He was rarely, if ever, sick, and he died as he always desired, "in the harness" and practically on his feet. He spent the last evening of his life correcting an old sermon. He retired at the usual hour. Toward midnight, feeling that his heart was giving out, he summoned an attendant. By a hurried call some of the fathers were gathered at his bedside, the last sacraments were administered and the end came quickly, though not suddenly. He had a warning the week before that at any time his heart might stop, and he was prepared for the emergency.

Life for him was a battlefield. The strictness and regularity of his life savored a good deal of the military discipline of the barracks. Every morning of his life he was up and out at 5 o'clock, and was often the first at the common meditation at 5.30 in the chapel. He rarely, if ever, missed celebrating his daily Mass at six o'clock and to all other exercises of his priestly life he was just as faithful.

He is gone, but the great stone church is his monument, and quietly under its towers he is laid to rest. Their massive, simple grandeur will speak more eloquently than any epitaph of the rugged virtues and the sterling worth of George Deshon.

L'EPREUVE D'UN AMANT.

(Love Taps).

Johnnie Canuck, he alright man,
He no like mak' de troub,
He stan' for lot of de worrie,
But, since hees too hard rub,
By Gar, hees stan upon hees right,
He lift hees voice so loud
He start de eagle off its egg,
It hide behind de cloud.

De eagle say, "Karoo, what's dat?
He mak' so loud de fuss!
Dear me, is it ma fren' Johnnie,
She kick up so much duss?
He got me trim for forty ways
For maken beeg de noise,
If he was size lik' Uncid Sam
You hear him far de skies.

"It no pleasure see dat Canuck
Have fit for sure and dance,
I'll go for see ma bon Johnnie,
And mak' heem more pleasnice."
"Bon jour, Johnnie, comment ce va?"
"A bas le temps," says he,
"For mak' it de smart bargain
You once more do beat me."

"We have good case," Sir Willfrid say

"We own Canal de Lynn.
It be de fine beeg waterway
Tak' out de Klondik' tin.
De Yankee haif to leave de plas'
Dyca and Skagawaa."
John Bull he say, "Go back, sit down
You are so bold, Johnnie.

"Clear off de plas, you're in de way
Your Uncid Jonattan;
We let you play on Isle de Pierce
Close near Portland Canal.
He let you catch the sockeye feesh,
He leave dere some few can;
You pack dem full, do good beezness,
Cheer up, ma leetle man."

So every tam we mak' treetee
Wid Uncid Sam's de same.
She's little wonder Jack Canuck
Hee's gettin' tire de game.
De British lion he wink its eye
When eagle steal de caff,
An' say, "Long's you down tak' de cow
John Bull he only laff."

Now, Uncid Sam I like for sure
I t'ink Sam he like me.
It's his beezness to do his bes'
For hees great beeg cuntry.
Dey's plenty room for boat of us,
In Nort' Amerika,
Yet every time I push heem close
"Hinch over," John Bull say.

John Bull not always like dat talk;
When I help heem fight Boer,
He say nice t'ings. I fix tarif,
He spik plezont once more,
He geeve us plenty libertie,
De bes' laws on de eart'.
He sen' us nice quite Governor,
We pay heem what hee's wort'.

Beeg iron ship kip our coas' clear,
By Gar! Dat's where Bull shine,
Dat's all for love—cost us not'ing.
John Bull he us remine.
So, when he push our mountain back

He beat the Profiet Arab,
He mak' dose mountain come to us,
We mus' be good and share up.

De shamrock, rose and tissel yet,
Mus' mak' bouquet wid maple.
De beaver he gnaw down no tree
Where want to roost de eagle.
We feel not bad, but jealous some,
How John Bull like hees daughter

Columbia, dat 'lope wid Sam,
While we stay home wit' mudder.
—M. F. CROSS,

The old time splendor of Mississippi river steamboating is to be revived between St. Paul and St. Louis during the season of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition next summer by the Exposition Transportation Company, recently organized in St. Paul.

The members of this company realized the majority of World's Fair tourists will wish to include in their visit to St. Louis the magnificent upper river trip, than which there is none more beautiful and picturesque in the world. Combined with this is the fact that the visitor whose stay is limited will exhaust a considerable portion of his time in seeking quarters. The prospectus of the Exposition Transportation Company anticipates operating a line of palacial steamers between St. Paul and St. Louis next summer, each accompanied by a consort, or large floating hotel which will be moored for one week at a private dock convenient to the fair grounds. The oppressive heat of the city will be avoided by night, the boat and consort dropping down stream a dozen or fifteen miles every night, simply keeping under control in midstream, where a breeze always blows and the air is always cool, until the return to the dock early each morning.

The consorts will be used exclusively for the sleeping compartments—the advantage of this removal from the noise and vibration of the engines and from the kitchen and dining room being obvious. While en route to and from St. Louis it is proposed to add to the

natural beauties of the trip by furnishing every possible comfort and luxury, a full orchestra will be carried, and dancing on the main boat will be indulged in every evening.

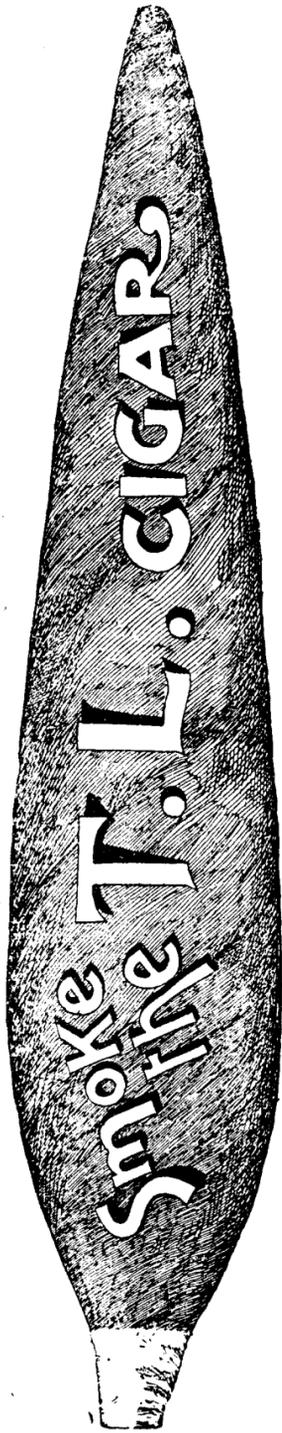
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