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SOLITUDE.

BY FREDERICK GEORGE LEE, D.D.

Not where the seedling grass is tinged with gold,
By sleeping waters, and the warm air still;
Not where I lie upon the sward at will,
To scan the blue hills or the brownling fold.

And weary of the Old Grange library,
And silent, close-clipped lawn, from which I mark
The ever-shifting shadows of the park,
Does solitude reign round about on high.

But in the city's busy, well-thronged street
Strange faces ever hurrying to and fro,
Where none can mate with truth their weal or woe,
When more than four conflicting currents meet:

Where I read nought of what is passing round,
And none can gauge my thoughts nor tread my ground.

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The Truth Too Late.

(Liverpool Catholic Times.)

It is pleasant to record that at length English papers are beginning to do justice to poor Spain. Before the outbreak of the war, certain journals in this country, following the lead of the hysterical American press, were never weary of abusing Spain and Spaniards. Tyranny, murder, superstition, organized crime, and every other crime was laid at the door of the proud nation which was engaged in a death struggle with its rebellious colonies. As our readers will remember, we entirely dissociated ourselves from those calumnious misrepresentations. While admitting that Spain had no doubt misgoverned her dependencies, we would not bring ourselves to credit the outrageous assertions that Spanish officers and soldiery had been guilty of wholesale murder and fiendish outrage. Now, at last, the truth is coming out, and both this country and America will be by no means pleased to learn how thoroughly they were deceived by the irresponsible newspaper correspondents who made Cuba their happy hunting ground just before the war. The Times has a special correspondent in sending a letter to the office of his paper. It is a letter which will mark a revolution in English feeling, as regards the character of the Spanish forces cooped up in Cuba.

Of Havana the correspondent says its population is most orderly, and the police force excellent; the men being as good-tempered and forbearing as those of London. Yet these are the very men described by American journalists as ruffians and terrorists to the law-abiding. With regard to the poor and those thrown out of work by the blockade, the Government issues a certain amount of food; their distress is also relieved by private charity, the Spanish officers themselves contributing largely. For, says the correspondent, incredible though it may appear to many good people outside this island, these officers are humane men and Christian gentlemen. As to the reconcentrados, the poor wretches who suffered first from the insurgents before they became the innocent victims of the drastic code of evil war, everything possible is done by the city authorities. He does not deny the terrible sufferings they have undergone. But he asks: "Is Spain alone to blame? Only one side of this question, that of the American Jingoism and the Cuban insurgents, has made itself fully heard. A large section of the American press, bent upon bringing about this war, has employed gross exaggerations and misstatements in order to inflame the passions of the American people. Trading on the Anglo-Saxon hatred of injustice, cruelty and oppression, these papers shouted for war in the name of humanity—and not in vain. They likened the officers and soldiers of Spain (whom I firmly believe, to be as humane as those of the United States) to the murderous Bash-Brooks of Turkey, while the Cuban rebels were compared to the Armenian martyrs and were represented as having been

slaughtered, tortured and mutilated wholesale by the inhuman butchers of Spain. The majority of the American people, well-meaning, warm-hearted, but credulous and ignorant, became the ready dupes of these agitators. They hurried their country into war, I think, will be recognized later as an unjust and foolish war." And the correspondent says the foreign colony in Havana is bitterly indignant at the hypocrisy and the injustice displayed by those who have fomented this war in the name of humanity.

We are glad that the truth is coming out at last. No one who knows the chivalrous people of Catholic Spain had any doubt about the gallant nature of the current accounts of cruelty, massacre and murder. Spain's faults have not been those of her soldiers or sailors. These knew how to die, whether in the trenches before Santiago or in the rotten tubs which went down under the American fire at Manila. The Spaniards had no government, no policy. They drifted on from defeat to defeat, and every stage of the war has made only more evident the stupidity of the administration which misrules Spain.

In truth, Spain is crushed with an army of "emphases." Government functionaries who wield great political power, and whose influence, naturally, is not in favor of progress. It is progress that Spain wants, not the progress of which its Freemason liberals rave, but the progress which lifts up the people and watches over their interests. With a Government that would deal with monopolies, and would open out the country to trade and commerce, that would teach numbers of public functionaries to rise from the public and keep the railway stations clean, Spain would rise once again among the nations of the world. We have always been of those who look forward to a great future for the land of the Old, but we confess that the great future will be achieved only by seriously modifying some of the customs of the present. Spain is behind the times now, and perhaps if her newspapers would fearlessly criticize the adverse conditions of her existence, and would deal severely with all cases of jobbery that come under their notice, their country would have reason before long to look back without regret upon the struggle which, while it displayed the courage of her sons abroad, as fully displayed the roguery and incapacity of some of her sons at home. The outcries of American journalists against the imaginary cruelties of the Spanish troops have not done one-half as much harm to Spain as the idle, unforgiving, and being functionaries of her miserable Administration. It is tragical that one of the finest peoples of the world should be unable to understand the art of governing. And no better evidence of their ignorance on this point could be adduced than their failure to notify and to convince the European, and especially the English press, of the mendacious reports of enterprising Cuban correspondents. Why was the world not told the truth? Now it is getting to be known it comes too late to prevent the war. It is the fault of Spain and of her foreign diplomatists and counsels that it was not known in time.

A Peculiar Case.

Strange as it may seem to the inexperienced, it is nevertheless true that hundreds of Catholic converts living today owe their conversion, under God, indirectly to anti-Catholic lecturers, whether apostates or the ordinary ignorant, sensational lecturer. A peculiar case has just come under our notice in Blackburn, the accuracy of which we can vouch for. A Protestant workingman of Blackburn attended one of Slattery's lectures, wherein he made serious allegations concerning the Catholic confessional. Wishing to test for himself the accuracy of Slattery's statement he went as a Catholic to three different priests and made a mock confession to each, the last one being made to Canon Maglione, St. Joseph's church. At the conclusion of his third confession, he found that the confessional was totally different from what it had been represented by the apostate lecturer, the man explained to the astonished Canon the purpose he had in coming to the confessional, and made an earnest request to receive instructions prior to being received into the Church. As the man is the head of a family of ten, most likely all will be eventually received into the Catholic Church. A day or two after the above event took place the Canon received a sum of money to attend a Protestant sick man living in St. Joseph's parish, but totally unknown to him, who expressed a strong desire to receive instructions in order to become a Catholic before he died. In the other parishes there are always throughout the year numbers of non-Catholics receiving instructions from the Catholic Church mostly through the disgraceful attacks made upon Catholics at different times by salaried and other slanderers.—Liverpool Catholic Times.

Orthodoxy in New Zealand.

The New Zealand islands now form an ecclesiastical province consisting of an archbishopric and three suffragan sees. Of the progress of Catholicism there an indication is given in the following statistics concerning the diocese of Dunedin, in the Otago district. Bishop Pompallier went ashore to celebrate the first Mass in Otago in 1840. In 1850 the whole province counted only ninety Catholics—a bare dozen of them in Dunedin, the rest scattered far and wide. Father Pettigrew travelled among his scattered flock, carrying his rude swag as he went. The first Mass in Dunedin was celebrated in a small wooden house in the North-East Valley; the next is a skidale alley; then in tents; next—after some opposition—in the court-house. Then from the North Island came Father Moran, the perfect missionary. He built the old brick church where for years the people worshipped. The venerated Bishop Moran reached Dunedin in 1870. He tended the Church in his diocese while it grew like a millet-seed from a population of 6,490 in 1871 to 18,130 in 1886. In the first fifteen years of his episcopate the enormous sum of \$401,340 was spent in church and school extension in his diocese. In the remaining ten years there was a proportionate expenditure. He has left behind him the memory of every episcopal grace and a cathedral which now outshines any yet erected by any denomination in New Zealand. The Catholic Church in the province now counts fifteen missions, fifty-one chapels, twenty-two priests, seven hundred Brothers, more than one hundred nuns, three colleges for girls, nine superior day schools, twenty primary schools, one orphanage, more than 5,000 children attending Catholic schools, and a Catholic population of more than 20,000.

Some Home Opponents of the Late War.

(From the Ave Maria.)

There was much genuine patriotism when the war began; but now, at the close, it is principally politics. Most of those who were simple enough to believe that our Congressmen were actuated by other motives than the liberation of Cuba, and that the insurgents there were deserving of the support of this country, have probably modified somewhat their opinion by this time. Those who were so sure that the war would cover the nation with glory must realize now that there wasn't enough glory to go round.

From the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

The case is pretty much alike both in Cuba and the Philippines. Experience has proved that we were lavishing our sympathies upon a set of people good for nothing but to make trouble, and we have very obligingly taken the trouble off the hands of Spain and shifted it to our own. We shall know how to deal with it, no doubt; but for the future we shall be chary in believing all the tales told by travellers, by Senators or professional writers-up of horrors, employed by philanthropists like Mr. Hearst. We are overwhelmingly gratified that the war is at last over. While it lasted Catholics gave an unwavering and whole-hearted support to the Government in bringing it to a successful and a glorious termination. They fought for it, they prayed for it with all the courage and all the earnestness of their nature and their religious faith, as the highest patriotic duty. This they did, moreover, despite the savage nagging of implacable bigots all over the country. But now that it is over we are free to discuss every thing connected with the episode, and to warn the people against being drawn into similar enterprises by means similar to those by which the quarrel just closed was brought about.

From the Cleveland Catholic Universal.

Tidings of an arrangement for the amicable termination of our violent

controversy with Spain were received with manifest satisfaction by the people of the United States. This feeling, which has found expression in various ways, demonstrates most conclusively the aversion entertained by the people for war in general, and particularly for the unnecessary combat that was, according to common belief, primarily precipitated by the hypocrisy and sordidness of certain selfish and disreputable newspapers. The half-hearted way in which public opinion acquiesced in a resort to hostilities for the final settlement of a difficulty that was very largely created by the weak subservency of a majority in Congress to the real or fancied power of a press, has been apparent from the beginning, to all who possess even a limited faculty of observation. After the die was cast, and war was on, public criticism of the course of the government and open discussion of the equities of the proceeding came to an end. But throughout the continuance of the struggle, this tacit disapprobation of the whole unfortunate transaction made itself very distinctly felt. In private circles, among all classes and in all parts of the country, the conviction prevailed that war could have been averted and the same results attained by an earnest and patient employment of peaceful weapons of diplomacy. The President and his immediate official and unofficial advisers made it quite plain to the country that they entertained abiding faith in the possibility of an amicable adjustment of the trouble. How they were overruled and the manner in which it came about are matters of history.

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