MICHAEL DAVITT ON TEMPERANCE

On Tuesday night the total abstainers and friends of temperance in Dublin held a great meeting in the Antient Concert Rooms, for the purpose of celebrating the ninety second anniversary of the birth of Father Theobald Mathew, the apostle of temperance. The large hall was crowded. The John Dillon brass band and the St Nicholas of Myra's fife and drum band played a choice selection of music before the meeting commenced. Shortly after eight the chair was taken by Mr. Alfred Webb.

Mr. Davitt was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He said: A great living Englishman who would not feel himself lowered by being called "the English Father Mathew"—Cardinal Manning (loud applause)—said some time ago, addressing a public meeting in the city of York, that a temperance man was wise, but a total abstainer was wiser (hear and laughter). Thinking of this expression of Cardinal Manning's while listening to the speeches delivered this evening, I was trying to find out what was the degree of wisdom to which my friend Mr. Healy and myself had arrived (laughter). I am not a total abstainer. I do not know whether I ever shall arrive at that advanced stage of wisdom or not, nor whether I can even say I am a temperate man, but be my degree of wisdom or of temperance what it may, I must take exception to total abstainers claiming Father Mathew as appertaining to them alone (hear, hear). Father Mathew was one of those great characters that seem to live, as he worked, for humanity (hear, hear). I think we would be guilty of what humanitarians outside Ireland would call national selfishness if we even claimed him for Ireland (hear, hear). He was a grand character, a historic character, that belongs to humanity, and whether in England or in America or

WHEREVER THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SPOKEN,

the name of Father Mathew is revered and honored (cheers.) One who was not a total abstainer—perhaps not more temperate than Mr. Healy and myself—once said, "Whatever our politics, whatever our creeds, whatever our conditions or avocations in life may be, we are all of one mind how Ireland should best express her sense of the merits and virtues of Father Mathew" (applause.) These were the words of another great Irishman who stands out boldly in Irish history as a conspicuous figure—Daniel O'Connell (tremendous cheering)—and if O'Connell, who was not a total abstainer, spoke so highly of the great apostle of temperance, I trust my friend Mr. Healy and myself may be excused, though not belonging to the Total Abstinence League, for coming here tonight to do honour to the memory of a great and immortal Irishman (hear.) Of him it might be said, as was said of his great Master, that he went about doing good (hear, hear). Good he has done.

IN IRELAND, IN ENGLAND AND IN AMERICA

Wherever I travelled in these countries, especially in America, I found traces of Father Mathew's footsteps. In New York, in Boston, in Chicago, in San Francisco, wherever the scattered Clan-na-Gael are found, Father Mathew's societies are there established, doing the work and preaching the Gospel of temperance that he preached wherever he went. I have come here to-night for the double purpose of taking part in celebrating the anniversary of a great and good Irishman, and of saying something in favour of the object sought to be achieved by the resolution put to this meeting. I am more anxious to see working-men's clubs and reading-rooms, and mechanics' institutes, established throughout Ireland in the interest of the working classes generally than in the interest of any particular movement that seeks to improve the social condition of the working classes, and I think the temperance advocates here in Dublin are acting very wisely in endeavouring to extend this reading-room system that has done such good work since it was first established here in this city. Any movement started in this age of universal education that is to fight its way and gain the acceptance of the people, must come down to educational methods and modes of procedure. From the experience I have had of the working of mechanics' institutes in England and in America I am anxious on behalf of

THE SOCIAL GOOD OF THE WORKING CLASSES

in Ireland that these reading-rooms and evening classes should be carried on in all the cities and towns, and even in the agricultural districts of Ireland if possible. I remember in the North of England, from 1853 to 1860, when the mechanics' institute movement was started by the late Sir J. Kay Shuttleworth and others, that immense good was done to the factory operatives and others who had to work for their daily bread. Previous to that the laborers in that part of England were certainly not an educated class; but when they had an opportunity of employing their spare hours in the evenings in instructing themselves they showed how instruction can aid the working man in benefiting himself socially, politically, and morally (hear, hear). From my experience in Lancashire, and seeing the effect that those evening classes and mechanics' institutes had upon the Irish young men in that part of England, I have been anxious ever since I have taken up my residence in Ireland to try and promote such a movement amongst our working-men throughout this country (hear, hear).

I COMMENCED LIFE AS A WORKING-MAN,

and the proudest day of my life was the day when I brought home my first shillings, representing my week's labour, and handed it to my mother (applause). I feel to-day, having to work for my bread and butter, in another field—the field of journalism—that I am still a working-man (hear, hear), and I am one of those singular individuals who believe the only real nobility there is in the world is the nobility of labour and industry (applause). When, then, I find myself here this evening, or on any future occasion, associated with the working-men to advance their social condition, I find myself in my true element—among the sons of toil and industry (hear, hear), and if there is anything I can do to advance their position in Ireland or to aid them to educate themselves—as I have had to educate myself while working in England—I shall only be too glad to give my humble efforts to any such praiseworthy undertaking—(applause). Coming from the industrial classes to the nation, walking down that magnificent street that leads from the Rotunda to O'Connell Bridge the other day a Yankee friend who was with me turned round and said, "I guess that's a very fine avenue" (laughter), "Yes," said I. "I think

YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT IN AMERICA,"

and he looked up at the name, and turned round to me and asked me "Who was Sackville?" Now I want to know who Sackville is, for I confess I don't know who the individual is or what he ever did for Ireland that Sackville Street should be called after him, and my Yankee friend, upon finding that I was ignorant as to who Sackville was, declared that as such a magnificent monument as the O'Connell Monument stood in that avenue it should be called O'Connell Avenue (loud applause). Now, as we, working men, are about to commence an educational movement amongst ourselves throughout Ireland with a thoroughly national character, let us commence by trying to improve the national education of corporations. Let us not only ask them who Sackville is, but who Westmoreland is, and Grafton, and Nassau, and Richmond, and all those other people were that their names should be given to the streets and thoroughfares of Dublin (applause). I say it is a national disgrace that these nobodies, who may have been whiskey drinking Lord Lieutenants of Ireland in times gone by, that their names should be perpetuated by being fixed to the corners of our streets and thoroughfares in Dublin (applause).

IN AN UPROAR.

Among the industrious market women at Union market yesterday morning Herrmann, the magician, threaded his way, creating great excitement wherever he went; juggling here with eggs, cutting open squashes lined with gold dollars yonder, and astounding many of the women around him, some of whom imagined that he was the St. Louis representative of the demoniacal sovereign familiarly called "Old Nick." Hermann was relentless in his tricks as he passed from stand to stand, buying articles which he took care, on parting from the vendor, to open and expose to view large sums of money which he made them believe they contained, as well as jewels that sparkled and glittered like miniature stars.

The first thing he did after striking the market was to walk up to a huckster-stand kept by a credulous old German lady named Mrs. Orf, and ask as he looked over her stock of provisions, whether the eggs she had on hand were good.

"Yes," replied the old lady, "they are the freshest eggs in the market. If you don't think so, just break one and see for yourself."

The magician did as he was requested, he picked up the egg and broke it open. To her astonishment three ten-dollar gold pieces rolled from the broken shell, which she grabbed at convulsively, but Herrmann was too quick for her and pocketed the money, while she gesticulated wildly and insisted that he should return it on the spot.

Instead of complying with her request, however, he broke another egg, from which four ten-dollar gold pieces rolled out among the vegetables. This was too much for Mrs. Orf, who told him to leave instantly, as she added she had no more eggs to waste, thinking, at the same time, in all probability, that Herrmann was a dangerous customer endowed with evil faculties derived from some dangerous source.

Stepping to another stand directly around the corner, the magician found it presided over by another old lady who had an assistant in the person of a rather fine-looking daughter. Here he picked up a head of cabbage and paid for it, after which he cut it open. In the center of the cabbage two $20 gold pieces could be seen by the lady and daughter, who made a convulsive grab for them, alleging, as they did so, that they belonged to them, but Hermann pocketed the money with wonderful celerity and walked away. As he looked back over his shoulder and saw the old lady looking the image of despair and the girl actually crying, he felt like relenting and returning.

Meeting a man a little further on his journey, he took off his hat and showed him that it contained a rabbit. "Thunder and blitzen," exclaimed the astonished pedestrian, who happened to be a German, "how did I ever get dat darnt rabbit in mein hat? When I put it on it wasn't there, and it couldn't have grown there in an hour."

Herrmann laughed, but offered no explanation. He simply passed on to delude another victim, leaving the astounded man standing with his hat in one hand and the rabbit in the other, lacking courage to restore the former to his head and not knowing what he had better do with the latter. Without relenting Herrmann continued his cruel work an hour or more, until the old women of the market became so thoroughly excited that they were in a mood to mob and lynch him on the spot. He fooled them all, and astonished, bewildered and exasperated them to such an extent that many of them were still highly excited last night. At the end of his entertainment he boarded a car on the Fifth street line and disappeared.—St. Louis Republican.

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