

making efforts greater than were ever made before to lessen the evils caused among our people by Intemperance ; let it not be said that you alone will be found unworthy children of the great Temperance apostle and Irish priest, Father Mathew, the Centenary of whose birth you are to-day celebrating.

O glorious Apostle of Temperance, if in reward for your life's labors in this grand cause, you have already received your crown, deign to look down upon the people of this fair city, and, touched by the woe and desolation and sin which your eyes behold, pray that we may one and all arise in our might and overthrow the power which has so long enslaved the noblest, the best, the most virtuous of our citizens. Pray that we may have the courage to do as thou hast done, if not for our own protection, at least as an example to the weak and wavering, and in thy very words, to promise with the divine assistance to abstain from all intoxicating drink, and to discountenance the cause and practise of Intemperance. Then indeed will thy birthday be a glorious memorial for us, a true feast to the Lord, to be kept in our generations with an everlasting observance. Amen.