

the approach of an enemy, or wanted a more distinct impression of any sound that attracted their attention.

The denser air is, the more readily it transmits sounds. On the tops of high mountains, where, as we have already learned, the atmosphere is rare, the human voice can be heard only a few rods off, and the report of a musket sounds no louder than the snapping of a whip at the level of the sea. On the other hand, the air in a diving-bell let down to the bottom of the sea, which is condensed by the upward pressure of the water, transmits sound so freely that those who descend can hardly speak to each other above the breath; conversation in an ordinary tone would pain the ear.

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FATHER BURKE ON THE EVIL OF DRUNKENNESS.

In one of his recent lectures, Father Burke thus appealed to his hearers to avoid intemperance:—

My friends, I don't want you to become talking men. There are too many talking men in this world. I don't want you to become canting men. The Lord knows I hate cant. But I want you to become silent, but eloquent apostles. Oh, my dear brother, the man, no matter how poor he may be, if he is only earning 15 shillings a week, has still that nameless respectability, and I will add influence, and nameless nobility, that virtue, and goodness, and faith, and purity give him—that man has influence—that man need never open his lips—that man has only to show the example of his own life to become a most eloquent and powerful apostle in the cause of every virtue. Therefore, I say to you—set your face against this vice of intemperance. If you have any friend or associate, or fellow-workmen, in the name of God, and for the love of Our Divine Lord's Sacred Heart, use that influence, to bring that man into the Holy Family, and to take the pledge. Try to get him to be temperate, quietly, calmly, almost silently, and you will have done more for God's glory than perhaps the priests, who labors for many days preaching the very Word of Jesus Christ. Above all—above all keep your own soul, your intelligence, your own heart, your own will; and you have, beyond all, the grace of God, enlightening, purifying, and strengthening your intelligence, your heart, and your body. Let every man amongst you, I say, hold fast what you have. There is only one devil can rob you of it all. Let him never come near you. That Devil is the Demon of Drunkenness.