CONTINUED FROM THIRD PAGE. that our country shall the world's benefactor "greater than history has yet re-corded." Let not this commemoration prove so much a chance for material gain as for the promotion of that peace and good-will which shall bind together all nations as one family. Opportunity is ours such as will never be for us again ; we must not fail to meet it.

peculiar tactile sense or faculty, they manifest a shrewdness and penetration in solving many of life's riddles that have puzzled bigger brains, perhaps, but not more practical wisdom. Des tined to guide others as man never could, what a power is theirs for good

tide, they may make humanity's pulse beat responsive to their own. By them, too, the great temperance question can purhaps be more wisely treated, since efforts thus far remain efforts still.

Meetings are held, societies formed, pledges given and taken, while erators pour forth their eloquence in the good cause; the powers that be are invoked to carry out this scheme and that by prohibition, high license, etc. All these means deed, most worthy, yet in-temperance and its train of evils

prevail, and will still prevail, because we deal with the effect rather than the cause. In only one way can this deadiy curse be lifted out of our land, and that is by creating a better sentiment among the people, so elevating their natural instincts that they will find something more desirthan a frolic around the corner or a week's spree with kindred spirits whom they would never admit into the Better even than treatment with bichloride of gold will be lessons of virtue and morality, developing the real manhood of man, his honor and integrity, making him a law unto It is not by total abstinence under any and every circumstance that a man becomes temperate, but by being so much his own master that he can truly say, Thus far but no farther. And here it is that the grand power of an education thoroughly Christian asserts itself, teaching that self-control, which is the only means under God's beaven for making ours a temperance country, not because no liquor is sold here, but that it will be only of neces sity and with moderation ; then would a drunkard be regarded as an anomaly, a monster, The same is equally true of our other vices, which, in fact, must of necessity diminish since their

Public opinion is a mighty wedge, an irresisible torrent; educate that,

will at once be cried down.

parent is beheaded. This elevated sentiment becoming a part of the

nation's character, any excess or abuse

and the work is done. Our other defects, though less dangerous, must not be overlooked. Let us hold in check that over-confidence, vanity and impulsiveness born of our marvellous growth and prosper-ity. We too eagerly anticipate events, cannot bide our time and wait the slow but surer outcome of nature's de crees, thus making us count more failures than victories. The patience of God, as we know, is one proof of His eternity. Our life will be eternal too, but overlooking that, we goonin a mad rush as if this earthly span were our

Is the material for our civilization so quickly disappearing, like the orna mental woods of our forests, that w No, no; let it be of solid oak and mahogany through and through.

Life with us becomes so material that too often we can hardly lift our selves above the dead level of our grain-fields, railway ties, bank stock, and fashion plates. Still, thank God! there are heroes bravely fighting this materiality, grand and noble ideas elothed in flesh and blood, hat as God's instruments will work out His designs and lead humanity to its glorious destiny. For this end we must seek net only to become one of many nations, but the one above them all. their guide and legislator through the humanity of our laws and the purity olitical code. The needs of the hour and its resources, too, never greater than now, can make our nation the compass and barometer for Having noted our tides and currents, shoals and quicksands, by these they will take their reckoning, rate their progress, and guide themselves accordingly. Year by year becoming more sturdy, strong and self-reliant, what has been an experiment in self-government will become an established fact. Grandeur is the brand of our country's resources, hence of its possibilities, which in turn must typify its attainments admitting nething narrow, selfish or unworthy cated as to prove that crime doesn't pay; that freedom for you and for me is only admissible when all other men are equally free; that the unprotected poor shall become objects of special care—then only will religion and common-sense as twin sisters work out the great plan of creation. Let each man and woman say in all sincerity, I am bound in conscience to aid in this went to Fathew Mathew. work-here is my oath of knighthood! In return I receive the benefit of securto be a Roman was greater than to

LEM. cost of one party at the expense of under these influences I became a another's defeat, but as only a great priest and have been trying to work means to a greater end. Let America for my God in so far as my power lies." set the example by at once crushing out a measure that seems destined to make of her Public school system, so justly the pride of the nation, a mere machine to be used chiefly for political profit and religious intolerance. If not nipped in the bud, this hot headed fanaticism will be its own executioner.

In this lies our hope.

Emerson sounds the note of warning; let us hear and heed: "If our Women are fast coming to the front in works of zeal and humanity, more than four thousand occupations being new open to them. Gifted with a carpets, and the bolt of heaven to write our letters like a Gillott pen, let these wonders work for honest humanity for the poor, for justice, genius and the public good.
"Let us realize that this country,

the last found, is the great charity of God to the human race. If only men rill!

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eat responsive to their own. By them, out of all hearing of others' censures, out of all regrets of our own, into new and more excellent state than history has yet recorded."-F. M. Edselas, in Catholic World for Decem-

TEMPERANCE TEACHINGS.

Bishop John J. Keane, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, delivered a temperance sermon at St. Charles Borromeo's Church, Philadel phia, on Sunday evening. The occasion was the celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the Total Abstinence Beneficial Society of the parish. The church was filled by a large assemblage. Bishop Keane said

large assemblage. Bishop Keane said in substance:

"On the threshold of this new year how very appropriate is the celebration of the anniversary of the society at this time. How fitting it is that at the beginning of every new year the members should renew their vows to fight the demon of our civilization. The liquor traffic is the great baneful feature of our modern life. The Supreme Court of this country has uttered the statement that most of the crime is due to rum. Yet, despite the cold facts of every day, the statistics of the nation and the observations of the intelligent, it exists, and its power was never so great as it is now. The misery, the failures and the burdens that it has thrust upon our life are innumerable. It's breath has vitiated the atmosphere of a grand republic, and men and women by the thousand are its slaves.

"Recall the Plenary Council of the Bishops at Baltimore in 1884. They enjoined upon all those Catholics in the retail liquor business to relinquish it; urging that by remaining in the imultiple of the loss they congratulate the same your board have, in the ge eral results of the company, and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the Company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and in presenting the fact that the beart of the company and the presenting the fact that the beart of the compa

ity, peace and prosperity. Then the simple fact of being an American will give us a title of nobility higher even His prosperity increased. He died at than that of Rome in her zenith, when the ripe age of seventy-two years. be a king." Liberty, our boast and fanity, nothing to mar a religious pride, cannot then be used for the suc-domestic life. It was no wonder that

under these influences I became a priest and have been trying to work for my God in so far & my power lies."

A Devout Catholic Actress.

Grace Golden, the pretty dark-eyed singer in Reginald de Koven's "Fencing Master," is the most devoutly religious woman on the stage to day. She is as pious as Mary Anderson, and, be it said, is held in as high respect by her associates. Miss Golden wears in the bosom of her decollete bodice which, by the way, is always prudishly modest in cut, her scapular, blessed by an American Cardinal. This tiny brown bag contains a relic of inestimable value, and its owner has made it a rule never to go before the footlights without kissing it. Standing in the wings waiting for her cue, her lips may be seen moving in prayer, and when the prompter gives his signal she hastily crosses herself, presses the scapular to her lips and steps forward ready to take up the liveliest airs in the opera. Her friends in the cast will the opera. Her friends in the cast will the religion to the company were discussed by the religion of the company were discussed by the religion of the company were discussed by an American Cardinal. This tiny brown bag contains a relic of inestimable to the prompter gives his signal she hastily crosses herself, presses the scapular to her lips and steps forward ready to take up the liveliest airs in the opera. Her friends in the cast will the opera. Her friends in the cast will the opera and spends much more that the stage of the religion to work the country annually be realized by any one outside of the business of the mardly be realized by any one outside of the business of his loss. This coul be usiness of insurance. Meetings have been held by representatives of companies, urging on the Government, amongst other 'Hire Water and the surface of the stage of his loss. This coul be usiness of insurance. Meetings the stage of his loss. This coul be usiness of his loss. This coul be usiness of his loss. This coul be usiness of insurance. Meetings the wint of the merch of th ston friction between the officials and agents removed.

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Although a successful singer in light

opera, and up to this time forced to take advantage of the liberal salary she derives therefrom, Miss Golden's own predelections are for the cloister. She would vastly prefer the simple habit of a religieuse to showy stage trappings, and, in spite of her profitable professional career, turns longing eyes toward the ideality of a nun's consecrated life. - N. Y. Sun.

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Bishops at Baltimore in 1884. They enjoined upon all those Catholics in the retail liquor business to relinquish it; urging that by remaining in the immoral occupation they were not only running the risk of losing their ownsolls, but were actually driving others to perdition. The saloon keeper earns his livelinood at the expense of others souls. God help him! The tears, the anguish and the grief that he is responible for can never be known in the great world to come, however, and what a picture will be presented!

BUM IN POLITICS.

"Rum in politics. Does rum run politics here? Shame on a nation of sentient beings who would suffer such a stigma to rest upon the fair name of our country! And yet a liquor organ in New York State printed some time ago a statement that the liquor interests had 25,000 votes in the State and had the balance of power. What a frightful condition of affairs! The American people must rise in their power and say, "Thou shalt not rule at the country." When I think that the power of controlling the politics rests with liquor dealers it makes my blood tingle with mortification and fills me with spirit to fight the evil with more weemence. I would rather live under that the spirit to fight the evil with more of country, the country is the server of the love of country, the lower of controlling the politics rests with liquor dealers it makes my blood tingle with mortification and fills me with spirit to fight the evil with more weemence. I would rather live under that the liquor of the country, the lower of controlling the politics rests with liquor dealers it makes my blood tingle with mortification and fills me with spirit to fight the evil with more weemence. I would rather live under that the liquor of the spirit to fight the evil with more weemence. I would rather live under the despotism of a Nero or a Diocetian than under King Rum. For the love of country, for the love of humanity this demon should be crushed. The

vehemence. I would rather live under the despotism of a Noro or a Diocletian than under King Rum. For the love of country, for the love of humanity this demon should be crushed. The spirit of humanism should enthuse us to fight this great battle with indomitable valor.

"In this question, there are two things to be observed. First, the appetite for liquor must be diminished; secondly, the temptation must be denied. Christ has taught us by example the duty of self-abnegation and denial. The liquor evil should be driven out of politics, out of homes and out of the nation. It evades not only the law of the country, but the law of God. Sometimes I ask myself, Can it be possible that the liquor-dealers are mostly Catholics? And yet they say this is a fact. I pray God that they may be brought speedily to see the misfortune they are bringing in our country.

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

"In conclusion I will tell a little story, and I know you will excuse the personal aspect of it. About fifty years ago my father came home and saw my mother weeping. When asked what was the matter my mother made no reply. Father saw what was it he matter. He was a prosperous business man and was loved by the community, and while not a drunkard, the people said it would be better for him to leave drink aloue. Father turned on his heel, left the house, and went to Fathew Mathew. There he laid the whole matter before the priest. "My father took the piedge and gave it to my mother. From that time he never touched another drop of liquor. His prosperity increased. He diod at the ripe age of seventy-two years. Our home knew no quarrels, no profanity, nothing to mar a religious domestic life. It was no wonder that

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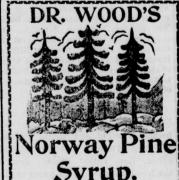
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