

HOW TO SOLVE A GREAT PROBLEM.

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hearty that our country shall become greater than history has yet recorded.

Watching the ebb and flow of life's tide, they may make humanity's pulse beat responsive to their own. By them, too, the great temperance question can perhaps be more wisely treated, since efforts thus far remain ineffectual.

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cases of one party at the expense of another's defeat, but as only a great means to a greater end. Let America 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.

Emerson sounds the note of warning; let us hear and heed: "If our mechanic arts are unsurpassed in usefulness, if we have taught the rivers to make our show and nails and carpets, and the boat 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.

TEMPERANCE TEACHINGS.
Bishop John J. Keane, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, delivered a temperance sermon at St. Charles Borromeo's Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday evening.

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 force of our modern life.

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under these influences I became a priest and have been trying to work for my God in so far as 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, as it is said, is held in as high respect by her associates. Miss Golden wears in the bosom of her décolleté bodice which, by the way, is always prudishly modest in cut, her scapular, blessed by an American Cardinal.

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 predilections are for the cloister. She would vastly prefer the simple habit of a religious to showy stage trappings, and, in spite of her profitable professional career, turns longing eyes toward the ideal life of a nun's consecrated life.

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