

overtake this growth. He showed that when two such influences meet one will prove dominant. If we do not assimilate these vicious elements they will assimilate us. We must transform or be transformed.

When the morning session ended we were all oppressed, if not distressed, with the peril already upon us. The city loomed up as a dark and threatening object, filling the horizon, and the question was, "What shall be done?"

In the afternoon Prof. Boyesen, of Columbia College, delivered an address on *Immigration*, so exhaustive and complete that its repetition was called for at the overflow meeting on Thursday night. He believes that restrictive measures must be passed by Congress; that foreigners are pouring in faster than it is possible to assimilate them to our institutions, and faster than is safe for the Republic. He believes the prevailing American notions are too optimistic, that ambition for office is too much stimulated, even in our public schools, and that discontent is growing among the immigrant population. He has formulated a plan by which immigration shall be restrained and some guaranty be given for the character of those who come to our shores, so that so-called "Benevolent Societies" shall not busy themselves providing money to transport to our country, as though it were a penal colony, the refuse population of other lands.

This consideration of our perils was further intensified by President Gates, in his powerful address on the *Misuse of Wealth*. He showed how vast our financial resources are, how they are perverted to selfish ends, how greed grows with its gratifications, and what power lies latent in hoarded treasure. He emphasized the Bible idea of stewardship, and showed what a mighty basis for evangelization consecrated wealth would furnish.

Bishop Hurst then introduced the great topic of the *Estrangement of the People from the Church*, and was followed by the writer of this article, on the same subject. The great multitudes are alienated from the church. And while thus the foreign population is growing, and the artisan class is rapidly increasing and massing in our cities, the gulf between the church and these multitudes is widening. The caste spirit is growing and has invaded even the churches, so that they seem to the people in league with aristocracy. The remedy for these evils was shown to be, sympathetic contact, democratic spirit in the churches, and aggressive and systematic effort to save the lost.

In the evening, Bishop Coxé discussed Ultramontaniam. The Roman Catholic Church was not in any of these sessions assaulted as to its religious faith, but solely as a political body owing and owning allegiance to a foreign potentate. For an American citizen to acknowledge a civil head outside this government is *constructive treason*, and when an issue arises may prove *destructive treason*.

Dr. McArthur then portrayed the evils of the *Saloon*. We hoped he