

There are many gulls or common terns here now. I do not know which. They are mostly white or creamy white. Their wings are tipped with black. They utter a cry not altogether unlike the wild goose.

If the JOURNAL could give me any information concerning these birds I should be very grateful.

Sincerely,

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Empire Day.

THE MAN WHO LOVES HIS COUNTRY.

The man who loves his land will strive to love his neighbor as himself. He will make every sacrifice in order that in his district and in his nation, justice, righteousness and equity may prevail. He will perceive clearly the relations of individual, family, community, party, sect and state, and will in his own practice cheerfully subordinate the lower to the higher interest. He will know and appreciate the struggles of the race and nation to secure personal, social, political and religious freedom, and he will count the retention and extension of that freedom as dear as life itself. He will reverence his flag and honor his king because they represent all that his forefathers have won, and all the dignity of the citizenship he now claims. He will cheerfully face danger, even at the risk of life, if his country is suffering oppression, or if wrong has to be righted somewhere.

And in yielding his own individual will to that of the nation the patriot has his reward. The road to the freedom which is essential to the developed mind, lies through successive yieldings to higher and higher wills. At first man is selfish,—his own will is all in all. The family life limits his freedom, but in so doing admits him to a larger circle with richer opportunities. The school and the community next limit him, but give him admission to still wider circles. The nation next imposes its will on each of its members, and each individual through voluntary submission to the rule of the many, in order that all may live for all and by all, is elevated to the species. The loyal citizen cannot be narrow and self-contained; his aims, hopes, sympathies, are as far-reaching as those of the nation.

It is evident that the patriotic spirit is inconsistent with selfishness, exclusiveness and partizanship of all kinds. It is opposed to inaction and apathy. It will not tolerate unjust compromise but will vigorously oppose unrighteousness and denounce evil. Nor is this spirit of love to one's own land inconsistent with love for the race. Indeed it is only he who loves the country of his birth or adoption that can in any proper sense have a loving interest in the welfare of all mankind.

I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of the paper. I find many of the discussions in it very helpful.

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