

I believe that Mr. Smythe has been and is the most able urge in this extraordinary society which is doing so much to liberate the human mind from the errors fanned upon it by systems of theology long since known to be false.

Mr. Smythe does not force his learning nor the wisdom of his views in any arrogant or dogmatic way, but teaches those less developed than himself in the same spirit that he seeks wisdom from those more developed than himself.

The best teacher is ever the best student.

Did Mr. Smythe do nothing else but teach, lecture and write those two masterly columns "Crusts and Crumbs" in the Sunday World he would then do more than many high-salaried clergymen and professors.

As a spiritual guide to many he ranks high and as a scholar of ancient and modern philosophy and religion he is equal to the best.

And all this work is just for the love of humanity, just living the life he teaches, just personifying the "Brotherhood of Man," and paying dearly in nerve and brain and body energy for the privilege of doing it. The fact that he occupies a strenuous and important position as Editor of The World makes his services as a teacher all the more valuable, for he is constantly in touch with the everyday happenings in our social and political life and he can study conditions from within.

It is difficult to estimate the value of a citizen of the calibre and disposition of Mr. Smythe.

It is difficult to think of him as an Irishman—though his wit and humor are patent—for he is very free from race bigotry and he has all the cosmopolitan qualities that make for the world citizen.

Mr. Smythe is not only a tee-total abstainer from alcoholic stimulants and tobacco, but from tea, coffee and meat.

Kill not for pity's sake  
Lest ye should stay,  
Some living thing upon its upward way.  
—Light of Asia.

His keen appreciation of music, art and literature and the great out of doors, gives him all the intoxicating stimulants necessary to the highest joy of living.