

## A COLUMBUS DINE

New York Celebration Closes  
with a Grand Banquet.

## EIGHT HUNDRED AT THE TABLES.

Decorations Elaborate; the Dinner Guests, the Wives of Good Quality—Addresses of Vice President Morton and Secretary of State Foster.

**NEW YORK, Oct. 14.**—As if to justify Sidney Smith's witticism that all events, even an earthquake, must be celebrated by the Anglo-Saxon race by a banquet, even if they had to hunt a place amid the ruins in which to dine, New York's celebration of the discovery of America was closed by a banquet, which was in a measure as successful as the ceremonials which had preceded it. It is no light task to seat comfortably and dine over eight hundred guests, but this was accomplished by the celebration committee in a satisfactory manner. The auditorium of Lenox Lyceum, where the feast was held, is an ideal banquet hall. Well proportioned and lofty, its natural advantages were enhanced by decorations and wonderfully artistic electric lighting to a point of exceeding beauty. The balconies were hung with hand embroidered designs of the ancient armor of Italy and Spain on a background of crimson plush interspersed with United States flags and the colors of Italy and Spain. At the cap of each pilaster there was a gilt eagle holding an American flag in its beak, and from the center of the domed, red, white and blue foil in graceful sweeps to the cornice. The dinner was excellent and well served, the wines of good quality and the music in full keeping with the rest of the service. The guests of honor dined on the stage, which was so draped as to resemble an alcove of the main banqueting hall. In the center appeared a portrait of Columbus, encircled by the flags of Italy, Spain and the United States.

Major Grant presided, supported on the right by Vice President Morton, Secretary of State Foster, ex-President Grover Cleveland, Mr. Arnold, president of the board of aldermen; Baron Fava, Italian minister, and Mr. G. F. Wahl, Jr.; on the left by Governor Flower, ex-President Hayes, General Porter and Bishop Potter.

The boxes were assigned, amongst others to the Spanish minister and suite, Secretary Foster of the treasury, Secretary Rusk, the French chargé d'affaires, Mr. Fairchild, Commodore Erben, (Spanish admiral), Hon. Benjamin Wood (Italian admiral), and Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland.

The 800 guests included the governors of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina, General Schofield and many others of eminence. But there was one empty chair at the table of honor. Chauncey Depew, who was to have acted as toastmaster, was absent. Mayor Grant supplied his place as best he could. Mr. Depew's unexpected absence deprived the after dinner oratory of much of its sparkle.

At the close of the dinner at 10 p. m. Mayor Grant arose to propose the toasts. As the wine had all by this time been removed, the drinking of the toasts was figuratively only. The mayor, after thanking all the organizations who had contributed to make the Columbian celebration a success, briefly proposed "The President of the United States." Vice President Morton, who was received with cheers, spoke as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen: The reason for the president's absence from the commemoration celebration is known to you all, and to the whole country. He is standing in a great shadow, awaiting the issues of life or death, and the eager importunity with which the words brought by wire from Washington are scanned testifies to the hopeful sympathy of all our people. I lament the necessity of taking his place, even momentarily, and am here to thank you for the respectful courtesy that has assigned me the prominent post in these civic ceremonies. It is impressive from the events of the past five days that we have added a new holiday to the American calendar. The 12th of October will hereafter be marked with white. We have instituted the Columbian festival, to be repeated at the expiration of each hundred years, to the furthest limit of time, by actors who will not have been witness of the preceding celebration. The opening pageant has been worthy of the great pilot and the great discoverer. It has been applauded by a countless audience of millions of intelligent people, an audience so vast that no other city of the New World, and few of the Old World, could administer to its care and protection. Our houses of worship testified for two days to the deep impression called forth by the occasion, the army of children from the public schools, equipped only with the weapons of education, put in evidence our confident hope in the future; and the professional progresses on land and water, by day and night, gave constant proof of the patriotism of all our people of every kindred and tribe and tongue, of the capacity for self-control of these educated masses and of the power and ingenuity of a great people.

There were transported to our doors, with speed and comfort, vast numbers of men, women and children, exceeding the population of most of the capitals of the world, by scientific methods of which Columbus never dreamed; and during the watches of the night this cosmopolitan city, with its streets and avenues, its squares and arches, its dwellings and monuments, was illuminated as by fire, by electric inventions which are the products of the land which Columbus discovered. On behalf of the president I am here to especially thank the ministers of Spain, and Italy and France for their fraternal assistance, and the representatives of other powers for their kindly approbation.

Mr. Mayor, with thanks to you, and to this distinguished audience, for the courtesies shown to myself, I now turn over the toast proposed, "The United States of America," to the president's principal advisor, the secretary of state.

## Secretary Foster's Response.

To make the United States the subject of an after-dinner speech reminds one of the despair of the great philosopher, Kant, when the would-be omniscient Madam De Staél demanded of him an explanation of his philosophy.

## WANT DR. PHLEIAN.

A contributor lobbies the Romanists  
Want him on the School Board.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 19, 1892.—Mr. J. C. Thompson, Editor AMERICAN.—My Dear Sir:—Since my conversation with you last Friday, I have learned, from what I consider a reliable source, that our Catholic friends' enemy, are studiously propagating some more of their secret and devilish plans to defeat right and justice and strike a death blow to Americanism in the coming election, by placing on our school board a man, or the man who will trounce to their interests.

In order to make this effective and emphatic with Omaha Romans, the brass-collared minions of that church that "is not in politics," have been diligently canvassing the city, distributing little cards, upon which were printed the instructions of "the holy father." These cards read something like this:

"To all true Catholics: The Holy Father commands you to vote for Dr. [REDACTED], and urges that all women come to the polls to vote on the school question."

This is not only timely advice but it is purely Catholic, and now it will be not only fitting, but purely American, to sit down on these people now.

We want it distinctly understood now—and firmly impressed upon the Catholic minds on November 8th—that there is no place on our school board for any man or any set of men who are in sympathy with Romanism.

Our public school is strictly an American institution, and we cannot use men in any capacity relating thereto, who charge that the "public schools are godless," while they alone are responsible for removing the Bible therefrom. The only interest the Catholics have in our public schools is, that by getting the proper power, they may be able to carry out their foul and infamous threat—to wipe them from the face of the earth. But, unfortunately for them, the powers that are, and the patriotic principles upon which that institution is founded, and by which it has been fostered in its youth and brought to its present efficiency and excellence, are wide awake, and our loyal American people will allow no stealthy foe, under the guise of a false religion, to undermine what we are proud to designate as the corner-stone of our national greatness.

Let our loyal men and noble women stand up for the public schools of Omaha and emphasize the lesson to Romanists, of the recent election and revolution at Faribault, Minn. Yours truly,

J. A. M.

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## A Roman Catholic Speaks.

[In American Baptist.]

Editor American Baptist—Will you kindly permit a liberal Catholic to say a few words on the "Phelan Controversy?" And because I happen to be a Catholic it is not evidence per se that I am either a bigot or a fanatic. Thank God I am neither. Phelan's paper has been a disgrace to journalism for years. He has persistently vilified educated and respectable people. Unfortunately there is a certain type of Catholics who are filled with horror at the mere thought of criticising the language or actions of a priest, and they foolishly consider such criticism as an insult to their religion. It is nothing of the kind. In exposing a fellow like Phelan we do not insult Catholicism, but one of its dirty instruments.

We are justly proud to point to the United States today as the achievement of the greatest results yet attained by mankind in the way of society and human fellowship. In the purity of this body politic how much blessing is there for this hemisphere, how much of hope is there for the race in all lands.

Priests of this class are becoming too common. Knowing that they are totally unworthy of respect, they thunder an anathema,—that patent weapon of the middle ages, but no longer formidable—at the heads of those who are bold enough to criticise their scandalous habits and conduct. Such "shepherds" only care for their lambs to fleece them. Some abusive and dissipated priests, of which Phelan is a good type, are recruited from the muck and scum of Ireland &c. of those who are low and beastly in their instincts and who possess little moral sense, if any. This is where most of the trouble lies. Placed in a little brief authority, they fairly glory in bullying those who are superior to them in every respect—and certainly a man would be low indeed who would not be superior to such scrofulous scamps. St. Bernard himself, and the great Layola, scored drunkon and immoral priests even more than the American Baptist. Every student of ecclesiastical history knows this. A shovel would fit Phelan's hand far better than a pen. He is a literary pirate who cannot be sarcastic without being vulgar, owing to his deficient training, for all priests are not well trained. It pains me to have to admit that there are many like him.

## The Pope's Delegate.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 14.—Monsignore Battoli, the Pope's delegate to the world's fair dedication, accompanied by Rev. Dr. O'Connell, rector of the American collegiate Rome, and the committee that went to New York to escort them here, arrived at Cardinal Gibbons' residence in the afternoon, where a reception was held. A banquet was given by his Eminence to Monsignore Battoli in the evening at which time the United Press dispatch from Rome to the effect that the Vatican has decided to elevate Archbishop Vaughan and Monsignore Stoner to the cardinalate caused considerable comment. Monsignore Battoli and Rev. Dr. O'Connell will be the guests of Cardinal Gibbons until next Monday or Tuesday, when they will leave for Chicago.

## IT IS MURDER!

Friday, 12:30 p. m.—Chamber's jury in Miller case says its murder.

Phelan, in my opinion, would be as much out of place among gentlemen as a sister of charity in an assignation house. But Phelan should be laughed at, and not argued with. He is well known. Better pass such a fellow in silence. A man is pretty sure to get the worst of an encounter with a skunk.

Show all such creatures as Phelan up, and let no fool misconstrue this into an attack on Catholicism, for it is not. But as I intimated before it is a partial expose of some of the vagabonds of an ecclesiastical vagabond. If I were Phelan's bishop I would put him on Irish "stirabout" for about six months and perhaps that would have a tendency to cool the Rev. gentleman's blood, so that he would not need an occasional interview with a "lady" or two. Many Catholics believe, myself among the number, that the value of a priest's prayers does not depend on his personal merits. Still I must say that I prefer the ministrations of a sober, pious man to that of a reverend rake. But the most astonishing feature of the Phelan case is this: Men of his stamp defy public opinion and persevere in the practice of nearly every human vice. They appear to me to be like the ostrich, who, when he hears somebody hunting him hides his head and exposes another part of his anatomy, and then thinks he is safe from observation. It is an unpleasant duty to be compelled to expose the crimes of a fellow like Phelan. But it really is a duty. Owing to this fellow's position he has a chance to bring ruin and disgrace on families who might be imprudent enough to accept his "spiritual" aid, etc. And this is the strongest reason why he should be unmasked. Sincere and intelligent Catholics should like to see such a wretch ousted and exposed, no matter who does it.

Phelan's vicious attack on the gifted but unfortunate Judge Normile, is positive proof of his vindictive spirit, which is doubly reprehensible because it emanated from one who, by reason of the calling which he disgraces so fully, should be the first to throw the mantle of charity over the failings of one who certainly was innocent of the crimes and gross vices which infelibly brand Phelan with infamy. Perhaps you think this is a strange letter for a Catholic to write. Well, it is not. I sincerely desire to see such rascals punished, for I have been "behind the scenes" for years and I know how the cat jumps. Kindly give this a place and let me assure you that I long to see the day when there will be a better feeling between Protestants and Catholics. We are coming to it. My best friends are on the other side of the house. It was the great Abbe Fenlon who said, "When God tolerates us, we should tolerate each other." Let us be kind and tolerant to all.

Very truly yours,  
J. G. SAVAGE.  
LA PLATA, Mo., Sept. 2, 1892.

## Book Notices.

Rev. Brumbaugh, of St. Joseph, Mo., who has been doing effective work in the cause of Americanism, will please accept our thanks for a neatly printed volume containing the seven lectures he delivered recently in that city. They are well worth reading.

Rev. W. J. Phillips, of Springfield, Mo., has our thanks for a neatly printed and ably written work upon "Honesty, or Danger Ahead." We need more Protestant ministers with courage to expose the Human serpent which is coiling about our liberties.

Rev. Chas. W. Savage has presented us with a little book which contains many of his sermons. They are good as all of his sermons are.

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Lot No. 10, in Section 12, in the east half of Section 12, in the town of Leavenworth, in Douglas County, Nebraska, containing 160 acres, in addition to the city of Omaha, as shown by supplementary plat of said addition, together with all the improvements thereon, and all rights and privileges appertaining thereto, subject to all taxes, assessments, and charges of record, and to all claims, liens, and encumbrances, if any, which may be upon the same.

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