

HENRY CLAY'S VALEDICTORY.

All Who Heard His Pathetic Farewell to the Senate Were Moved to Tears.

John F. Coyle writes of Henry Clay's farewell to the senate in the Ladies' Home Journal, regarding it as the most dramatic event ever witnessed in the United States senate. Almost from the opening words of the famous valedictory the vast assemblage of people were in tears, and the "Great Commoner" was frequently interrupted by the sobs of his auditors. "The scene was indeed impressive as Mr. Clay pronounced the concluding words of his farewell to public life," says Mr. Coyle. "He stood for a moment after in reverential attitude, while all about him strong men, swayed by the magnetic power of the great orator, wept in silence. The hushed suspense of intense feeling and attention pervaded the crowded assemblage as the famous statesman, with lowering eyes, resumed his seat. For several moments the silence was unbroken; senators sat as if in the shadow of some impending calamity; men of all parties seemed equally overcome by the pathos and majesty of the great statesman's farewell. As Mr. Clay rose to leave the chamber after adjournment, which directly followed his address, and after he had said farewell to all the other senators, he encountered Mr. Calhoun. The eyes of the whole assemblage were fixed on these two old friends and old political antagonists. There was a pause in the demonstration which awaited Mr. Clay—the moment of suspended anticipation was almost painful. For five years they had been estranged, and the only words which had passed between them had been those harshly spoken in debate. But now, as they met, the old time came over them. They remembered only the political companionship of twenty years' standing. The intervening differences which had chilled their hearts toward each other were forgotten. The tears sprang to their eyes. They shook each other cordially by the hand, interchanged a 'God bless you,' and parted. The released suspense which awaited this tearful scene found vent in shouts and cheers, which were taken up by the crowds outside the senate chamber, expecting Mr. Clay's appearance. He was surrounded by the waiting thousands on his way to his carriage, and through followed him even to his hotel."

Cholera Infantum.

No one supposed that cholera infantum is wilfully caused by mothers or persons who have infants in charge; yet in some places a large proportion of all children born die of that disease. That it results from causes which are preventable are shown by several facts:

(1) Among the higher classes of people the mortality is very much less than among the less intelligent and less provident.

(2) Infants who are nourished only by mother's milk are almost wholly exempt from cholera infantum.

(3) The disease is undoubtedly caused by changes in the infant's food or drink, due to bacteria, fungi, or some sort of micro-organisms.

Diarrhoea.—What is true of cholera infantum is, in great part, true of diarrhoea. The great cause of infant mortality is largely due to ignorance and carelessness on the part of those who have the care of children.

It ought to be known to every person who has the care of a child during the hottest day of July and August that a good light, clean, dry, warm flannel over the entire abdomen is a very important article for every child who is in danger of any bowel trouble. The rapid evaporation of perspiration, and the consequent serious coldness of the abdomen, can be prevented by the flannel.

Biggest Farm on Earth.

The largest farm in this country and probably in the world is situated in the southwestern part of Louisiana. It extends 100 miles east and west. It was purchased in 1883 by a syndicate of northern capitalists, by whom it is still operated. At the time of its purchase its 1,500,000 acres was a vast pasture for cattle belonging to a few dealers in that country. Now it is divided into pasture stations or ranches, existing every six miles. The fencing is said to have cost about \$50,000. The land is best adapted for rice, sugar, corn and cotton. A tract, say half a mile wide, is taken, and an engine is placed on each side. The engines are portable and operate a cable attached to four plows. By this arrangement thirty acres are gone over in a day with the labor of only three men. There is not a single draught horse on the entire place, if we except those used by the herders of cattle, of which there are 16,000 head on the place. The Southern Pacific railway runs for thirty-six miles through the farm. The company has three steamboats operating on the waters of the estate, of which 300 miles are navigable. It has also an ice-house, bank, shipyard and rice mills.—From the Knoxville Tribune.

Scotty's Remarkable Apple Tree.

Oil City Blizzard: "Scotty," of the Oil Well Supply company, who resides on a farm in close proximity to the fair grounds, owns an apple tree which can be considered a sort of novelty. A few years ago it was known as a "wild" apple tree, but Mr. Scott had it grafted and it now produces seven different kinds of apples, some of which grow to an immense size and have a delicious taste.

His Caustic Comment.

"Here's a queer story, don't you know. A fellow in San Francisco cut his throat with a tobacco tag." "Well, I'm deuced glad it wasn't a cigarette picture."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Use For the A. P. A.

Very often a person hears the expression "I have no use for the A. P. A." When a person makes a remark of this character it causes some to think many things. First, he does not fully understand the principles on which the A. P. A. are working, and he does not want to understand them.

Second, he is an ignorant person regarding the history of nations. How many times, by some small statement, a person will tell much more than he intended to tell. They want to be considered wise, and they make statements to corroborate this fact and what they say produces the opposite result.

Third, it makes anyone suspicious that the man is living for the money there is in it. He wants to leave well enough alone—that is when money is coming into his pocket well enough. Let anyone read a correct history of the time when Charles V was determined to crush the work of the Brethren of the Common Life in the Netherlands, and when Philip II increased the numbers of the bishops, who were also inquisitors, that the work against the A. P. A. might be complete. And when the Duke of Alba boasted of having killed 18,000 people and then say, "I have no use for the A. P. A." There are men in every society who are unwise, but because there are some in the Protective Association, who should have done otherwise, this is not sufficient reason to condemn the principles which they, the pro-papists, seem to know little about and do not want to know. There are some men who can play the part of the coward better than any other part on the stage of life. V. O. A.

To Weed It Out.

A special correspondent of the London Telegraph writes from Berlin that a fresh proof of religious intolerance in Russia is given by the proceedings at the congress of high Russian ecclesiastics at Katin, which met to consider measures to stop the spread of sectarianism. It was declared that the adherents of Count Tolstol were particularly dangerous to state and church, and ought to be treated accordingly. The government will therefore be asked to proceed rigorously against the count and his followers. Further, the schools of the sectarians are to be closed, and the congress demands that membership of the different sects be declared dishonorable.

The peasant communes are to have the right to exclude sectarians and to send them to Siberia. Sectarians are not to be allowed to have orthodox servants under age. Those of age are to be placed under the surveillance of the orthodox clergy.

Finally, some particularly rigorous measures were discussed. It was proposed that sectarians' children should be taken from them and educated in public institutions in the orthodox faith. This proposal met with difficulties because there are no such institutions. A Russian bishop also suggested the confiscation of the property of sectarians. Almost all of the resolutions were passed unanimously. The state religion in Russia is the Greek Catholic, which bears some strong points of resemblance to the Roman Catholic.

Not Without Its Reward.

President McKinley's many Romish appointments and the extreme deference with which he has treated Romanists in general, is not without its reward, it seems. Pope Leo in a small way shows his appreciation by sending a gift to the president, consisting of a "fine illustrated work descriptive of the so-called Appartamenti Borghia, at the Vatican, which were recently restored."

It is strange, however, that Leo should show such poor wisdom as he has done in this case. The history of the Borgias is most infamous. One of them, under the title of Alexander VI., occupied the papal chair. He was the father of Lucretia Borgia, by a alone, as you know (DhrbmtgmDas: mistress. When Lucretia grew to womanhood, most horrible to relate, she became the mistress of her father. The depth of vice into which the popes sank during that age seems incredible; and Alexander, or Borgia, was the foulest monster of them all. If the gift of the above book should set McKinley to studying papal history, it would prove a blessing in disguise. —Denver American.

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LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Pope's utterance on the Laurier-Greenway Manitoba school settlement will be promulgated on Wednesday of this week. In the meantime I learn on unimpeachable authority the points of his Holiness' decision. The utterance deals very exhaustively with the facts of the case, tracing them in detail to support what is claimed as the undoubted right of Manitoba Roman Catholics to separate schools, and showing also the action of the Manitoba Legislature. The Pope declares that the Catholics must not attend the public schools, that they must, like Roman Catholics everywhere, loyally and obediently support their own school system, even where the state refuses to assist. The Supreme Pontiff declares that no opportunity must be lost of asserting the claims of Roman Catholics to the full enjoyment of their constitutional rights; still his Holiness advises the Manitoba Catholics not to be too grasping and aggressive, but persuasively and by all peaceful methods to impress the justice and fairness of their temporarily lost cause upon their fellow citizens of other faiths, in the hope that eventually their full rights may be restored.

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