

plication was granted. The news was brought to him then by Assistant United States District Attorney Harry Parkin, who opposed the reduction in court.

GENUINE

Robert Henri, the well known artist of New York, was laughing about an art hoax that had been practiced in Paris on an American millionaire.

"Millionaires of that type are so easily hoaxed," he said. "They are so ignorant of art.

"I heard recently of an elderly millionaire, who was taking his beautiful young wife abroad to have her portrait painted.

"But why don't you try home talent?" someone asked him.

"Oh," he answered. "We've tried home talent in vain. Now we're going over to see what the genuine old masters can do."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A NEAT DIFFERENTIATION

Senator Lodge, at a dinner in the Back Bay district of Boston, indicated very neatly the difference between a statesman and a politician.

"A statesman," he said, "thinks of the next generation; a politician of the next election."

Madge—"Who helped you make such a fool out of that poor young man?"

Marjorie—"He did."—Judge.

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A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

Kankakee, Ill., May 31, 1913.—Dear Mr. Bryan: So many of the readers of *The Commoner* have asked me to send the enclosed "oration" to the Home Department of *The Commoner*. It is such an unusual and beautiful tribute on such an unusual subject that so many have asked me the last day or two to send it to *The Commoner*.

The oration was delivered at the graves, or rather, at the Illinois state reformatory's burying ground, where there are something like 110 inmates buried, and where they sleep in the southwest corner of the cemetery of the city of Pontiac, Ill. The speech has been delivered before—last Thursday, by the same speaker at the Joliet prison's ground. I had that one in my possession, so it saves me the trouble to rewrite from my shorthand report, for it is identical with what was said at Pontiac. Respectfully,

MRS. JAMES McENIRY.
403 Water St., Kankakee, Ill.

The Inglorious Dead

The following unique and pathetic speech was delivered Thursday evening, May 29, 1913, by M. M. Desmond, who with his family and a few friends visited the reformatory's burying ground. By the request of his friends he gave voice to this tribute, which we think too good and tender to allow it to perish. Mr. Desmond said:

"Shunned by the living and separated from the resting places of the honored dead, this spot is certainly the saddest, loneliest spot in all this region. Yet here, if nowhere else, the dead are equal. No proud monuments or saintly epitaphs are seen, but plain white boards with black lettering, suggestive of the markings of sin on the once clean lives. A name which, perhaps, the sleeper's father never heard, a number telling all the dishonor, and below, the duration and end of the earthly pilgrimage. Nothing more.

"Here, no flags wave, no cannon boom, and no throngs of fellow citizens come to pay their annual tribute. But forest trees unfurl the flag of all nations, a solitary bird trilling in the distance and a cricket chirping in the grass relieve the awful hush; and the sun ever rising on the evil and on the good, pours a flood of glory over the dreary spot. No tolling bell, no eulogy or chant or plumed hearse is needed at these funerals. No mother's tears ever dropped into these graves.

"In far away fields and gardens, where some who lie here spent a happy childhood, the flowers they loved have bloomed and withered many years; but not a petal has ever been wafted to this lonely abode.

"One here is faithful to the last. Dear old Mother Nature receives her sinful children and hides them in her bosom, until at the command of her God and theirs she must deliver them up.

"In the stillness of the night, the yearning heart of many a mother goes abroad in search of the boy who has forgotten to write home. Through city and forest, over prairie and ocean it roams; but never does that heart pause at the prison burying ground.

"Here lies a mere child laid low in dishonor; and here, one in the very pride and strength of maturity. And here—can it be possible? Twenty-one, twenty, nineteen, eighteen years of age—boys, mere boys.

"Where were their fathers, mothers, teachers, preachers, the humane societies, when the whirlpool caught the careless young feet? I stand aghast. Is this next a phantom record? Here is the name of a youth now living in Pontiac and just beginning to tamper with sin. How will he fight? Will it be a lost battle,

that conflict with the powers of darkness? Single handed and alone the boy is fighting, sometimes bravely. There are passions, appetites and environments which hold him with a stronger grip than any hand-cuffs that may come later.

"The people whose flag waves so proudly over its own dead is in league against him; for do they not deliver him, soul and body, to the rum fiend, which has power to kill and to cast him into a drunkard's grave? Or perhaps, be the cause of putting him behind the bars yonder, where maybe he might gain a silent victory and be placed here in a windowless palace to rest. God only knows.

"Within here all are laid in such a way that in rising, their opening eyes will fall upon the 'Lord appearing in the east;' but, oh, what a meeting! Will not the pitiful judge remember their weakness and let the curse fall aslant upon society that allows the stuff to be sold that sends behind walls directly or indirectly, 95 per cent of the inmates of prisons.

"We hope for the best. Sin is sin, and God is holy. Shunned by the living and separated from the honored dead, here they will sleep until awakened by that summons from which there is no escape, to appear at that court whence there is no appeal."

BOOKS RECEIVED

In the Vanguard. Katrina Trask. The Macmillan Co., New York.

Office Training for Stenographers. By Rupert P. SoRelle, author of the "Expert Shorthand Speed Course." Joint author of "Rational Typewriting," "Words," Etc. The Gregg Publishing Co., Chicago and New York.

Making the Farm Pay. By C. C. Bowsfield. Published by Forbes & Co., 443 So. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. Price \$1.00.

Tyrone Power. By William Winter. Moffat, Yard & Co., New York. Price, \$1.25, net. Postage, 12 cents.



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