UNSELFISH WITH MILLIONS

MR. VANDERBILT'S SERVICE FOR OTHERS.

(E. J. Edwards in "The Churchman.")

Great multitudes never applaud men whose only distinction is that they are rich. But the community does understand and approve a man who, having riches, makes such use of them as to benefit his fellow-men. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt has done more than this. It would be possible for him, looking upon his wealth as a power for good, to bestow it here and there as his judgment might indicate the wisdom of such disposition. That is not a difficult thing to do. Many men having wealth make liberal disposition of it. Mr. Vanderbilt himself, since he has possessed riches, has divided his wealth with the needy and with the community. But it seemed to him, after he had passed into his inheritance, as though the mere giving of money was the smallest of the duties entailed upon him because of his wealth. It seemed to him that his duty to the community not only required him to listen to appeals that were justified, but also to take a personal part in undertakings which make for the moral and social advantage of a community. He determined that not only his wealth, but his time, his comfort, his abilities, his convenience, should yield something for the benefit of others. From the moment when the inheritance passed into his hands, he gave himself up, not only to the great business interests which his responsibility to those associated with him compelled him closely to watch, but also to personal services to Church and social interests.

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT.

The time which Mr. Vanderbilt gives to assist those who are directing important religious undertakings is fully equal to that which many business men bestow upon their recreations and personal pleasures. For instance, he is a trustee of the General Theological Seminary, and is always present at the meetings of the trustees, when he is in town and not unavoidably kept away. He was attending one of these meetings when the message came to him of his father's death. He is one of the managers of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is the vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, giving every year many hours of thought and of careful counsel to that nonsectarian organization. He is one of the trustees of the new Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and beyond his splendid personal contribution to that glorious project it is safe to say that the time and attention, the patient study of details and ways and means which have characterized his connection with that undertaking are worth a greater contribution. He is chairman of the Railroad Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, scrutinizing the accounts of that institution, giving attention to the details of its management which could not be more scrupulously bestowed were this institution a corporation carrying great business interests. He devotes much time to that splendid missionary and social work which is known as St. Bartholomew's Parish Home, an institution which many believe is doing more to solve some of the social and economic problems of those who labor for scanty wages than any other organized effort is accomplishing, either in New-York or elsewhere. To the solution of these problems Mr. Vanderbilt has given earnest study, and no one could reveal greater satisfaction that he when it is discovered that some of the efforts experimentally undertaken by this mission indicate a successful solution of these problems. He is a vestryman of St. Bartholomew's Parish, which is engaged in some of the noblest labors in New-York City ever undertaken in the name of the Church. The rector of the parish, the Rev. Dr. Greer, declares that Mr. Vanderbilt is never too busy, never too wearied, to be able to bestow as much time for consultation and assistance as any emergency that may arise requires. Many men would be likely to look upon these services for the promotion and extension of Christianity and the work of the Church as sufficient, especially when they are so faithfully performed as by Mr. Vanderbilt. Nevertheless, he finds time in the course of the month to give of his service to the Seamen's Missionary Association, to the Hospital Saturday and Sunday Association, to the New-York Christian Home for Intemperate Men, an institution in which he is very greatly interested; the Society of St. Johnland, the American Institute of Christian Philosophy and the International Medical Missionary Society. He is a director in the Improved Dwelling Association, a project in which his interest has been deeply enlisted, and which, when fully developed, may result in giving to those who dwell in tenements in New-York comfortable homes, with something of luxury added.

In addition to his connection with these institutions, which are purely religious in their purpose, Mr. Vanderbilt has become associated with many institutions whose purpose is moral and intellectual benefit. A great lover of art, and an enthusiastic and wise patron of what is best in art, he has become one of the strong men in the management of New-York's most conspicuous and splendid art institution, the Metropolitan Museum. He is chairman of the Executive Committee, being thus virtually the director of that noble institution. This responsibility of itself is one that entails the expenditure not only of time, but of earnest study, as well as a wise and sometimes delicate and difficult business discretion.

But even this list does not comprise the whole number of associations and institutions to which Mr. Vanderbilt gives freely of his time and service. Probably not a citizen of New-York is associated in official capacity with so many institutions whose purpose is the cure or amelioration of the physical ills from which men suffer. For instance, he is the chairman of the Executive Committee of St. Luke's Hospital, one of the world's great institutions for the relief of those physically afflicted. This is a post which of itself entails almost as much work as does the management of some railroads. The chairmanship of the executive board would be regarded by many men as a post of itself sufficient to absorb their energies and time. Besides this, he is the vice-president of the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and this is with him not a mere honorary office, but one which demands some portion of his time, a demand which is never slighted. Frequently, in a single day, he will attend meetings of the directories of the Home for Incurables, the Hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the Sloane Maternity Hospital. In the summer time, in recent years, he has also acted as manager of The Tribune Fresh-Air Fund.

This list of societies and institutions with which Mr. Vanderbilt is associated gives, even in the mere reading of it, some suggestion of the extent of the drafts made upon his time and energies. All this is undertaken in addition to his business obligations, which are great and responsible. In this time, when there is unrest and much of complaint that men who are blessed with riches are also saturated with selfishness and have but little care for those less fortunate than they, it is certainly a high example which Mr. Vanderbilt, by his life, sets to others who, like himself, are possessed of riches. The beneficial effect upon the community of such a life as his—one which shows that it is possible that a man may live a Christian life in act as well as in profession, even though he be one who is selected as a type of men of great wealth—is something that no man can measure.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

The Church of Our Lady of the Holy Scapular, of Mount Carmel, in East Twenty-eighth-st., was filled to overflowing yesterday morning. The occasion was the observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The ceremonies were somewhat curtailed, because of the death last Sunday of one of the priests of the church, the Rev. Father John E. Whitley. Solemn high mass was celebrated, the Rev. Father Greaven being the celebrant, and Fathers E. R. Stone and N. O. Byrne deacon and sub-deacon. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Francis Xavier's Church, who discoursed eloquently on the Lady of Mount Carmel. Last evening there was a further observance of the feast. There were solemn vespers and a procession of all the societies of the church. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. John C. Feehan.

RACE BETWEEN SOUND STEAMERS.

Fall River, Mass., July 22.—The steamer Priscilla, of the Fall River Line, and the steamer City of Lowell, of the Norwich Line, had another long race down Long Island Sound last night. Honors were even for a long distance, but eventually the Priscilla pulled ahead, and maintained her lead until the boats parted company off New-London. The officers of the Priscilla regard the Lowell as the fastest boat they have ever encountered.

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