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The Coleridge Banquet—Death-bed Repentance of the Right Sort—Preaching to Deaf-Mutes Impressive Consecrations—Bishop Green's Farewell—King Alcohol's Universal Reign—Fragments.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20, 1883.

EDITOR CHIEF:

The notable event of the week was the banquet given to Lord Chief Justice Coleridge by the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania University. It was a very elegant affair and a handsome compliment to the distinguished visitor. There were one hundred and twenty-five guests: among them some of Philadelphia's most prominent citizens. Rt. Rev. S. S. Harris, D. D. LL. D., Bishop of Michigan, formerly rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans, was one of the few Bishops invited. Dr. William Pepper, Provost of the University, presided, with Lord Coleridge on his right and Hon. John Welsh on his left hand. Lord Coleridge made a fine address and impressed every one favorably. He is very fluent in conversation and genial in manner. In discussing our literature he said of our poets he preferred Bryant and of our writers, Hawthorne. He pronounced Hawthorne "master of an exquisite, absolutely perfect style." His criticisms of this country at all times have been just and generous. He came to Philadelphia expressly to visit his old friend Mr. Ellis Yarnall, and by him has been entertained. Tuesday the papers announced that Lord Coleridge would visit the General Convention at 10 o'clock. Many indulged in a little extra piety and went to the morning prayers, in order to get good seats. By ten the galleries were crowded and your correspondent was very glad to get a seat on the steps of the aisle. Hour after hour passed and not even the shadow of Lord Coleridge put in an appearance. At 1 o'clock, when the House was about to adjourn for a recess, Dr. McVickar, one of the committee appointed to invite Lord Coleridge to visit the convention, announced that his Lordship had declined the invitation, giving as a reason that "he did not feel up to it." Every body was disappointed and wondered what there could be so formidable about the convention that the Lord Chief Justice of England "could not feel up to it."

Death-bed repentance may not count much for the soul in eternity, but it works good oftentimes to those against whom the wrong has been perpetrated. The following story furnishes an example. Over thirty years ago Mr. Henry Deven was appointed American Consul at Rio Janeiro. He had lived a long while in Brazil and made a good deal of money. He had a confidential clerk named Geo. W. Anderson, a native of this State, who knew all about his affairs. Twenty years ago Mrs. Deven came back to this country with her three children on a visit and had not been here long when the Consul died. When his estate was settled up a large amount of money was missing which could not be accounted for, and, strange to say, the clerk was never suspected. He it was who took the money—took $42,000—and went to Australia, where he led an up and down life, sometimes making, sometimes losing money. Poor fellow! he never knew a moment's peace of mind after he yielded to temptation and robbed a dead friend's family. He led a miserable, restless life, could not enjoy the money he had, for in every dollar he saw the widow and children he had wronged. Like Banquo's ghost, they would not down. His conscience remained tender and the ill-gotten gain was as a seething iron in his breast. No good ever does come of ill-gotten gains. Either they slip away entirely from the owner, so called, or the thought of them is a never ending torture to the soul. Last March Mr. Anderson fell ill and went to a hospital in Melbourne. He had never married. By the mercy of God Sisters of Charity nursed him, and through their gentle influence he was baptized. Death knocked at his door and claimed him. He saw that there could be no appeal from the decree and by way of preparation confessed his sins to the priest. It was an honest confession and so the great secret of his life was told. He asked if he dared hope for absolution. "No," said the priest, "not until you have undone as far as lies in your power the wrong you have done the Deven family." He at once made a will giving all he had, $75,000, to the family. Then he felt relieved and died trustingly and peacefully. Mrs. Ashebrooke, the third daughter of Consul Deven, lives here, and was much bewildered for some little time after reading the telegram from a lawyer in Melbourne apprising her of the fact that he held the sum of $25,000 subject to her order. She was an infant when her father died and had long since forgotten all she had ever heard about the missing money.

Last Sunday Dr. Gallaudet, who has charge of the church for deaf-mutes in New York, preached here in the Church of the Covenant. He had a large congregation of deaf-mutes. His sermon was interpreted in the sign language by Rev. Dr. Chamberlain. There is a fascination about the sign language and one soon learns the meaning of the signs. Two young men, deaf-mutes, were ordained deacons by Bishop Stevens. One of them, Mr. Syles, lost his hearing and speech by a severe attack of scarlet fever, when only eight years old, and it is his pleasure to devote his life to those afflicted like himself. He is well educated, having been a student in Yale and Cambridge University, England. To attend a service for deaf-mutes is to gain an experience not soon to be forgotten: it is a sight that ought to act as a reproach to those who have all their senses complete, yet live in frowns and discontent. I have never seen a more earnest congregation; every eye was riveted on the interpreter and every countenance was full of eagerness. Of course every thing depended on sight; to turn the eye away for an instant was to lose the blessed words—was the same as being miles away.

The consecration of Dr. Knickerbacker, Bishop of Indiana, took place in St. Mark's Church Sunday morning. St. Mark's is the parish of which Bishop Wilmer of your State was rector for a number of years. Dr. Nicholson, its present rector, was the first choice for Indiana and it seemed a nice thing for the congregation of St. Mark's to invite Dr. Knickerbacker to be consecrated in that church. There was such a crowd that people stood in the aisles during the whole service. Bishop Whipple, who had known Dr. Knickerbacker for twenty-five years in one parish in his diocese, preached the sermon. His address to the new Bishop was most touching.

Dr. Henry C. Potter was consecrated Assistant Bishop of New York to-day, in Grace Church, New York city. Every step was taken to make it an unusually grand, impressive service. Forty-five or more Bishops and a number of presbyters left here last evening in a special Pullman palace car to take part in the ceremonies and were to be entertained at the Fifth Avenue Hotel by Grace Church. Bishop Smith, the presiding Bishop, was to be the consecrator, assisted by seven other Bishops. It has been said for years that Dr. Potter would succeed his uncle. Surely the mantle could not have fallen on one more worthy. He is a nice man; intellectual, highly cultured and the admired of all admirers. He will add lustre to the present galaxy of Bishops. He gives up a salary of $15,000 and a fine house adjoining Grace Church, for a salary of $9000 and no house. Nine thousand dollars is a very good salary and it is a pity that all the Bishops can not have as much, but it is quite a fall from $15,000.

Yesterday a gloom was cast over the convention, for awhile, by the leave-taking of Bishop Green of Mississippi. He is 84 and in very feeble health; he addressed the contion with voice full of emotion: "Dear brethren, I feel that I shall never be able to attend another General Convention; I have just taken leave of the House of Bishops and will now say good-bye to you. My hearing has failed me very much: I can no longer take part in the deliberations; I feel in the way and as if I had outlived my usefulness: I am the only surviving member of the convention which met in this city in 1822; the Bishops, presbyters, laymen who worked with me then have all gone and I stand alone; soon I too will have gone; I was ordained deacon sixty-two years ago and consecrated Bishop forty-two years ago; I have seen many changes in the church; watched her progress and felt all the time that we had much to thank God for. And now, dear brethren, hoping God may bless your work, I bid you farewell." The whole assembly arose and remained standing, some with bowed heads, while the much honored prelate was speaking.

A Chicago paper says, "King Alcohol must go." Would that the affirmant were autocrat of the world and could by his fiat destroy every ounce of intoxicating drink, every distillery, every wine press and every brewery. The idea of women appearing in public places, at the polls, voting, making speeches or in any way getting out of their proper sphere, is always revolting to me: but I felt very tolerant toward the women who went to the polls during the late election in Ohio and worked to save men from liquor. The cause in a great measure palliated the act. Yet, while I am less censorious of the bold attitude which women take in their crusade against drink, I am far from convinced that if women would act well their part at home, it would ever be necessary for her to leave that home to save men. Every woman should be a total abstainer. Oh, the thought, of women tipplers is dreadful, is shocking! What can they expect of husbands, sons, brothers and fathers if they indulge in daily toddies, in beer or even wine? A quiet, unobtrusive example at home would exert more influence over men than all the out-of-door speeches and exhortations. Bishop —— said to me the other day that there was more drinking done in the South than the North. My observation led me to differ from him. Take Philadelphia and New Orleans. I have seen more intoxication on the street here than there in the same length of time, and among society men there is quite as much here. Oh, no. Unfortunately "King Alcohol" reigns everywhere: has his subjects North, South, East and West. This train of thought was brought about by the death of a man here, a few days ago, who had become the most abject slave to rum. While in a state of drunkenness he fell dead in his house, and, horrible to relate, in the next room, at that very time, his gray-haired wife lay in the stupor of drink. Three children hung about the corpse and the debauched woman, looking, as all drunkards' children look, forlorn, wretched and neglected. With a drunkard mother what is their future worth? The man's name was Leonard. He was a civil engineer and had great ability as an inventor. At one time he had a fortune: went abroad when he felt like it and lived well. Alcohol consumed his wealth and his manhood. He died poor—his house a picture of neglect and poverty, with only here and there some handsome piece of furniture or ornament that told of the once luxurious, happy, beautiful home. Oh, women, men and boys, shun rum, whiskey, beer and wine as you would poison. So, would you almost destroy the need of prisons and fill homes with sunshine and happiness that are now dark and wretched.

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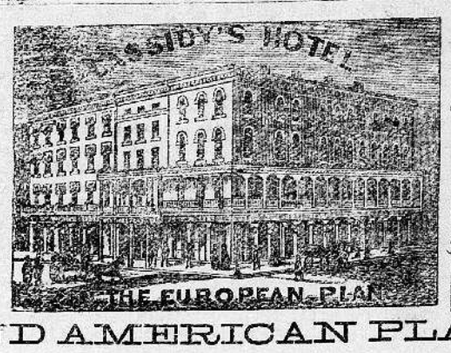

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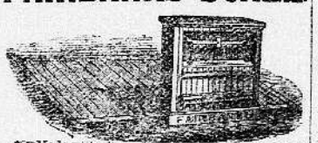

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