

## STILLWATER

Stillwater has been called "The Park City." The residence sections, beautified with innumerable shade trees, are on the bluffs, which surround the business district in a semi-circle. Lawns, shrubbery and flowers contribute to the setting for the many attractive homes of the city. A water works plant, furnishing the purest spring water, is among the valuable assets of Stillwater. The springs supplying this water gush out from beneath the hills to the west, and are inexhaustible.

Stillwater, for many years, was a great lumbering center, the St. Croix river and its tributaries on the upper reaches having yielded many billions of feet of the finest quality of white pine. But the days of Stillwater's fame as a lumbering center are over, although logs are still cut on the St. Croix and several mills are converting them into lumber. The city's principal industry of the past has been replaced by many manufacturing plants.

Stillwater has a population of 10,000. Its citizens are progressive and alert. Their ambition is to make Stillwater the most desirable home city in the West, an ambition that is rapidly approaching a reality.

The new Minnesota State prison (the finest in the world) is beautifully

situated two miles south of the center of Stillwater, on a broad plateau overlooking the St. Croix, at an elevation of about 40 feet. Directly in front of the prison the ground slopes abruptly to the river flats. The prison farm has an area of 800 acres, and the prison enclosure proper of 22 acres. The plans of the new prison realize the best ideals of modern prison architecture. The handsome buildings are plain, substantial, comfortable and fireproof. The visitor is amazed at the care that has been bestowed on every detail of construction to make the prison a model of its kind.

A number of thriving factories are taking the place of saw mills which have passed away and promise much for its business development in the future. The natural sequence of its former great industry, lumbering, is found in three woodworking establishments which furnish all kinds of supplies for building purposes. Shoe and garment factories furnish another feature of the city's industrial life.

Another great industrial feature of the community is the state institution which manufacturers binding twine and farm machinery, and incidentally employs a large number of citizens in the conduct of the institution and its factories.

## MACAULEY ON THE CHURCH

"There is not, and there never was on this earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church. The history of that Church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. No other institution is left standing which carries the mind back to the times when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and when camelpards and tigers bounded in the Flavian amphitheatre. The proudest royal houses are but of yesterday when compared with the line of the Supreme Pontiffs. That line we trace back in an unbroken series from the Pope who crowned Napoleon in the nineteenth century, to the Pope who crowned Pepin in the eighth; and far beyond the time of Pepin the august dynasty extends till it is lost in the twilight of fable. The Republic of Venice came next in antiquity. But the Republic of Venice was modern when compared to the Papacy; and the Republic of Venice is gone, and the Papacy remains. The Papacy remains, not in decay, not a mere antique, but full of life and youthful vigor. The Catholic Church is still sending forth to the farthest ends of the world missionaries as zealous as those who landed in Kent with Augustine, and still confronting hostile kings with the same spirit with which she confronted Attila. The number of her children is greater than in any former age.

"Her acquisitions in the New World have more than compensated for what she has lost in the Old. Her spiritual ascendancy extends over the vast countries which lie between the plains of Missouri and Cape Horn, countries which, a century hence, may not improbably contain a population as large as that which now inhabits Europe.

The members of her communion are certainly not fewer than a hundred and fifty millions; and it will be difficult to show that all other Christian sects united amounted to a hundred and twenty millions. Nor do we see any sign which indicates that the term of her long dominion is approaching. She was great and respected before the Saxon had set foot on Britian, before the Frank had passed the Rhine, when Grecian eloquence still flourished at Antioch, when idols were still worshipped in the temple of Mecca. And she may still exist in undiminished vigor when some traveller from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude, take his stand on a broken arch of London Bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's."

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