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Heroism is the world's greatest idol. Before the shrine of a victor of many battles men are wont to render the most willing homage. The world is ever ready to lionize the hero of startling adventures, and at times so transcendent is its admiration that many are regarded with deep veneration, and some as almost fit objects of worship.

These silent heroes are they who have trials to bear, yet murmur not; who regard with satisfaction the order of the universe—true optimists are they—and though called to pass through severe trials always see in them all the line of infinite justice and mercy, by which "God tempereth the blast to the shorn lamb."

When individuals brave the perils of sea, earth, air, or sky, seen or unseen, for the reclamation of other souls from impending casualties; when human life, the most valuable of human property, is ventured to save other lives in times of danger, it evinces an absence of selfishness, a want of that supreme egotism which forms the basis of most men's actions, and reveals to the world the power of co-operation, the existence of united sympathy, and the grandest illustration of the highest affection.

But this excludes all unbecoming and wanton hazard of peril; for recklessness of life implies no bravery, but an unbalanced mentality. It is only worthy of commendation. It is only those who accomplish from real and imminent danger the salvation of valuable lives, principles, or property, that manifest a heroism worthy of admiration.

Who does not recall the heroism of the lone hero of the bridge, of whose merits poets delight to sing; or of the solitary hero of Thermopylae, whose fame orators love to celebrate; or Galileo, whose name stands fast, and ever brightening in the firmament of history as a lonestar of unequalled splendor and increasing glory.

Further, the greatest hero of this class who ever lived is universally acknowledged to have been Jesus. Stricken, smitten of God and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Scourged and despised, yet no resentment; forsaken by his friends, yet no chiding. And all records agree in teaching us that Jesus contained all the sublimest elements of silent heroism.

Dreadful Old Man (who only believed in professional music)—"I hope you amateur gentlemen take a real pleasure in performing." Chorus—"Certainly we do!" Dreadful Old Man—"Then, at least, there is some compensation for the torture you inflict."—Punch.

Long anterior to the advent Plato reflected and wrote that the hero of battle and of blood, the hero of daring who was honored by the populace was not the grandest exemplification of the heroic sentiment. But, unconsciously describing Christ, said, "he who for deep-seated convictions would bear contempt, suffer degradation itself, being profoundly convinced of the ultimate triumph of his principles."

The friends of Judge Woods are urging him for the vacancy on the supreme bench. The Norwich Bulletin says the man who would have done it had he been there never gets there. Pittsburg, Pa., pays but one dollar per thousand for gas. It is said that coal oil has no chance in that city of smoke.

There are two periods in every man's life when he feels, deep down in his heart, that if the earth was to open and swallow him up it would be a pleasure to him. One is when he steals up stairs with the old man's razor to take his first shave, and the other is the first Sunday in a high hat.

It is almost impossible to view the rear elevation of the stylish young men's shirt collar without thinking of the business revival that would take place if our merchants could utilize the white expanse for advertising purposes.

A schoolmaster asked a class what Shylock meant when he said, "My deed's upon my head." "Well," said one of the boys, "I don't know, unless he carried his papers in his hat."

An Eastern man, in writing to his friends of his marriage in California, thus tersely describes his bride: "She has a head as red as a woodpecker's and owns sheep until you can't rest."

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Berlin, by the late census, is found to have 1,000,309 inhabitants. The winter just passed has been the severest known in Russia for many years. Pennsylvania will elect, in November, a Supreme Court judge for twenty-one years.

The Springfield Republican accuses the Woman's Journal of using "lady" where woman is meant—"a form sacred to vulgar gentility."

While a man was singing the other day, "There's a Good Time Coming," another man arose and said, "Would you kindly fix the exact date?"

The husband who informed his wife six months ago that he would let her put out the washing as soon as times improved, has kept his promise. He lets her put it out on the line. And still she is not happy.

Among the recent applicants for post-offices from the new administration is a daughter of ex-Senator John J. Crittenden, of Kentucky, author of the famous Crittenden Compromise; also, a daughter of Alexander Campbell, founder of the religious sect known as the Campbellites, or Disciples of Jesus Christ.

"God bless dear papa and mamma, and oh, dear Lord, please make us very stylish," was the prayer of a little New York girl whose parents were "fashionable."

The will of Commodore Vanderbilt was registered in Bennington, Vt., in consequence of a mortgage on the Harlem Extension Railroad. The fees on the will are more than enough to pay the whole expenses of the court for this year.

A California paper tenderly says of the demise of a contemporary: "At the tender age of four weeks the Saucelito Tribune has been raked and scraped up and gathered to its fathers, and now rests where the jump-up-Johnnies bloom."

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The students of a Michigan college are to take a two years' cruise, in which they will circumnavigate the globe. There's nothing creates such a feeling of homesickness as to find a sheriff's officer in charge of children's happy home.

A German humorist remarked that "Baker has discovered the sources of the Nile: they lie far to the south—a good deal further to the south than he has discovered them."

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(Communicated.)

"Whisky and Religion."—No. 3.

BY REV. OSCAR M. ADDISON.

According to a strict legal interpretation of the discipline of our church, selling whisky by wholesale or retail is consistent with church-membership.

We have no express law in our Book of Discipline as it now stands, under which we can try and expel a member for selling liquor.

The above propositions represent the distinct opinions of two different individuals in full accord in their misconception and misinterpretation of Methodist church law.

The capital error misleading these brethren and others of their way of thinking is the unfounded assumption that whisky selling is per se in every case necessarily a sin. A little consideration will easily convince any one that whisky might be sold for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

On broad and liberal principles the church has, in general terms, legislated in respect to this as all other questions involving unchristian conduct.

The intemperate zeal of Rev. Dr. B. T. Kavanaugh induced him to rashly volunteer in the defense of the cause virtually abandoned by the writer of the editorial.

The complimentary terms in which he refers to my ability happily failed to excite my vanity. A modest consciousness of real merit is sufficient proof against the seductive wiles of the flatterer.

But for this kindly change of purpose on his part, we should forever have remained in ignorance of the strength of the Doctor's position.

The Doctor, as champion of a desperate cause, boldly came to the rescue. Mistaking his defiant tone and spirit for evidence of knightly valor.

pertinently says: "Let us first enquire what it is about." If he has already forgotten this point, I beg leave to refer him to his proposition at the head of this article.

An "express law" under which any one of a class of offenses may be tried and a law against an express offense may to Dr. Kavanaugh's comprehension imply one and the same thing.

The church law of which I write provides that for continued "neglect of duties of any kind" the delinquent shall be expelled.

In like manner the same "express law" requires similar proceedings in the case of "imprudent conduct." This is no "express" specific thing.

If that because we have no special law against liquor vending the dramseller must escape church discipline, may not all other offenders in like manner be considered guiltless?

The general terms employed by the law of the church are sufficiently definite to point out and deal with each and all of that numberless class of offenses into which men are liable to fall.

nothing less would meet the case—it would in the end be found far inferior to our present law; for, to say nothing of the want of authority for such human legislation.

Dr. K., with his usual perspicuity, asserts that the issue between us is simply "a question of facts, and not of opinion, logic or argument of any kind."

The valor acquired by Dr. K. in his four years of bloody war, and the piety developed by his fifty-eight years of peaceful membership in the church, may all boldly challenge denial.

In the issue between Dr. Kavanaugh and myself there is no question of facts to settle. That is already done. A church member was convicted of selling whisky by the dram—or, rather, voluntarily acknowledged it—but, misled by such teachers as Dr. Kavanaugh, boldly demands the law against which he has offended.

Whose voice shall be heard in the settlement of this question of law—that of Rev. Dr. B. T. Kavanaugh, unsupported by law, precedent or logic.

It will not be many years, at the rate we are going, before one-half of the community will be employed in the inspection of the other half.

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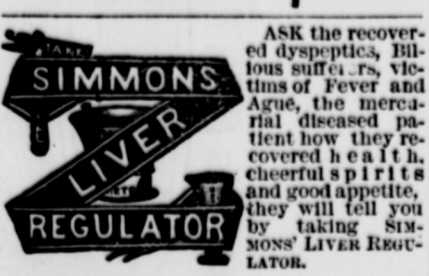
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