

us to maintain in all good faith those liberal institutions and traditions which have been so productive of good. The bringing together of all these different national, racial, religious and cultural elements has made our country a kind of composite of the rest of the world, and we can render no greater service than by demonstrating the possibility of harmonious coöperation among so many various groups. Every one of them has something characteristic and significant of great value to cast into the common fund of our material, intellectual and spiritual resources.

The war brought a great test of our experiment in amalgamating these varied factors into a real Nation, with the ideals and aspirations of a united people. None was excepted from the obligation to serve when the hour of danger struck. The event proved that our theory had been sound. On a solid foundation of national unity there had been erected a superstructure which in its varied parts has offered full opportunity to develop all the range of talents and genius that had gone into its making. Well nigh all the races, religions and nationalities of the world were represented in the armed forces of this Nation, as they were in the body of our population. No man's patriotism was impugned or service questioned because of his racial origin, his political opinion or his religious convictions. Immigrants and sons of immigrants from the Central European countries fought side by side with those who descended from the countries which were our allies; with the sons of equatorial Africa and with the red men of our own aboriginal population, all of them equally proud of the name Americans.

We must not, in times of peace, permit ourselves to lose any part from the structure of patriotic unity. I make no plea for leniency toward those who are criminal or vicious, are open enemies of society and are not prepared to accept the true standards of our citizenship. By tolerance I do not mean indifference to evil. I mean respect for different kinds of good. Whether one traces his Americanism back three centuries to the Mayflower, or three years to the steerage, is not half so important as whether his Americanism of today is real and genuine. No matter by what various crafts we came here, we are all now in the same boat. You men constituted the crew of our "ship of state" during her passage through the roughest waters. You made up the watch and held the danger posts when the storm was fiercest. You brought her safely and triumphantly into port. Out of that experience you have learned the lessons of discipline, tolerance, respect for authority and regard for the basic manhood of your neighbor. You bore aloft a standard of patriotic conduct and civic integrity, to which all could repair. Such a standard, with a like common appeal, must be upheld just as firmly and unitedly now in time of peace.

Among citizens honestly devoted to the maintenance of that standard there need be small concern about differences of individual opinion in other regards. Granting first the essentials of loyalty to our country and to our fundamental institutions we may not only overlook, but we may encourage differences of opinion as to other things. For differences of this kind will certainly be elements of strength rather than of weakness. They will give variety to our tastes and interests. They will broaden our vision, strengthen our understanding, encourage the true humanities, and enrich our whole mode and conception of life. I recognize the full and complete necessity of 100 per cent Americanism, but 100 per cent Americanism may be made up of many various elements.

If we are to have that harmony and tranquility, that union of spirit which is the foundation of real national genius and national progress, we must all realize that there are true Americans who did not happen to be born in our section of the country, who do not attend our place of religious worship, who are not of our racial stock, or who are not proficient in our language. If we are to create on this continent a free republic and an enlightened civilization that will be capable of reflecting the true greatness and glory of mankind, it will be necessary to regard these differences as accidental and unessential. We shall have to look beyond the outward manifestations of race and creed. Divine Providence has not bestowed upon any race a monopoly of patriotism and character.

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That is a broad gauged and fair measurement of citizenship standards. No matter in what clime we came, whether we are descendants of Mayflower migrants or we are the immigrants of a recent year, day, we are in the same boat now and should be measured only in proportion to the contribution we bring in citizenship and the Americanism we LIVE.

The citizen of foreign birth who is not very fluent in the tongue of his adopted country may never deliver flowery speeches of his Americanism and his patriotism, but there are legions of those who LIVE and exemplify in their daily tasks a far higher standard of Americanism than those who loudly proclaim their fealty and devotion and invariably are found wanting where exemplary lives are measured.

SKELETONS

By Grace B. Starbuck

What if a heart has only once bloomed fair—
But once has breathed Love's jasmine-scented air?
It has within its withered shape the glow
Of one night's magic flowering long ago.
Has felt the brush of wings and caught the fire,
Of one night's madness—one night's wild desire.

So smile, dear heart! For though the muted tread
Of hopes and fancies of a day long dead.
Winds through your beating, deep within your crypt
Lie all the dreams which playfully you slipped
Into your soul before Time clasped the spring,
Imprisoning Beauty 'neath its covering.

Him whom a little will not content, nothing will content.
—Epicurus.

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