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will only be shattered by divagation from the straight path. Hero-worship in the United States is not a thing to be trifled with. What the President needs to do is simply to be himself, frank, fearless, straightforward. He cannot be a McKinley. If he listens to trimmers, he will fall between two schools.

At the Civic Federation's gathering and in its work we see Mr. Hanna at his best. Benevolent of heart, kindly of purpose, faithful to obligations of business and friendship, he is as well fitted as any man in the country to inspire and hold the confidence of employer and employee alike. Probably no practical politician of the day is more respected, trusted and feared in American financial circles than Mr. Hanna, while he consistently fair and honorable course toward his own employees has earned for him an equal eminence among the ranks of labor. But the time is very inopportune for a man of his type to come before the country as a Presidential possibility. We need many things in our public men today, but we need no one thing more than a wise leader.

The rough-and-ready philosophy of "Roosevelt is the extreme limit we should go in the way of imperfect scholarship in the Presidency. Even McKinley contrived for us a measurable dignity and polish in the discussion of foreign affairs, for example, which are practically untouched in this latest message. It is bad enough to have Roosevelt discussing the very highest problems of international statecraft with the terminology of a poor schoolboy, but what should we have if Mr. Roosevelt took to writing in that noble book of American diplomacy, where Washington and Jefferson began and the Adamses continued and the young Harrison enriched, and Cleveland, with all his ponderousness, lent dignity and force? If we really have to choose between Mark and "Gumshoe Charlie," of Indiana, let us take Fairbanks. He is impossible, of course, but not in quite so many ways.

Why is the President closed to the quality of George William Curtis, or James Russell Lowell, or Andrew D. White?

There is no doubt that the death rate in both the United States and England has declined during the last fifty years. The death rate in the densely populated manufacturing State of Massachusetts, which contains three millions of inhabitants in its area of less than 8000 square miles of land surface, was only 16.8 per 1000 of population. Other states of less density of population would naturally furnish a lower rate. This decline in the death rate is due to the fact that the death rate from consumption in New England has fallen one-half in fifty years. The death rate from typhoid fever is only about one-fourth of what it was a half-century ago; the destructiveness of scarlet fever, whooping cough and puerperal fever has been reduced one-half in the same time; and the introduction of the anti-toxin treatment for diphtheria in 1895 has resulted in saving thousands of lives up to the present date, while the deaths from cholera in infantum have greatly diminished through the increased use of pasteurized and sterilized milk. Medical science has proved sanitation has had much to do with this recorded decline in the death rate. And yet, if we turn from generalities to particulars, it would be difficult to establish the fact of a declining death rate by the history of our public men. On the whole, it cannot be said that the leading statesmen of our country whose public life began with the generation that fought the Civil War present a better record of longevity than did their fathers and grandfathers, who did not live so comfortably at home or when they traveled, who did not eat as well-cooked food, who knew little and cared less about sanitation, who lived in days when the average physician knew less than he does today, when superior surgical skill and scientific diagnosis was not as generally accessible as it is today.

To illustrate: Mr. Reed, a man of powerful physique, the child of sturdy parents, died at 63 of Bright's disease of the kidneys, to which he had been a victim for more than a year. Vice-President Blaine died at 63 of the same disease. Judge Jackson, of the United States Supreme Court, died at 63; Justice William B. Woods at 63. President Arthur died of Bright's disease at 56, and General Hancock of the same disease at 62, and General McClellan died at 59; Vice-President Wilson died at 63, and Schuyler Colfax at 62. Matt Carpenter died at 57. Secretary Windom died suddenly at 63; Governor Flower of New York died at 64; Vice-President Hobart died at 55; Cornelius Vanderbilt died at 56; Senator Davis, of Minnesota, died at 62 of blood poisoning; Rev. Joseph Cooke died at 63, and so did Father McGlynn, both of Bright's disease. Dwight L. Moody died at 63. John Fluke died at 58. These are but a few instances of public men of all sorts of activities who have died at 63 or before reaching that age. What killed off so many of these men of good stock, good physique, comfortable homes, and good habits, was reaching three-score and ten? Not alcoholic stimulants, for all of them were men of temperate habits and many of them were total abstainers. In our judgment too much food and too little exercise will kill a full-blooded man of sedentary life as quickly and as surely as too much alcohol. Take the case of General Hancock. As long as he obtained plenty of exercise in field service and kept his flesh down he was a model of manly beauty and health; he took command of Governor's Island and was eagerly sought after by every eminent dinner-giver; he was a figure at every public banquet, and he at once gave very corpulent and died in a few years. The longest-lived men in the land are the old soldiers of the Army, who take bodily exercise and never overeat. The spare men like William M. Everts and George F. Edmunds endured this public banquet dissipation; Everts held a glass of wine, and Edmunds proceeded to take Edmunds in his vacation, and he fished in Canada. John Sherman, another man of spare figure, was abstemious in all things; General Sherman, a very energetic man of spare figure, went to every dinner, public and private, ate heartily and drank frequently, but he took plenty of physical exercise and lived to be 73. General McClellan, who was greatly given to big dinners and took life indolently, died of heart disease, as did Governor Flower. In the old days people were obliged to take more exercise, for transportation was never cheap nor comfortable. Dinners even among people well to do were not the sumptuous sort served today. The use of alcohol in some form was more universal than it is today among public men, but it was used in a simpler way. Secretary Blaine was a very abstemious man, rarely if ever drinking even a glass of wine, but he liked a

good dinner, was a man of good-fellowship who talked well in conversation or after-dinner set speech, and too much in food with little or no exercise killed him. Pneumonia may attack and kill the men of the best habits, as it did Benjamin Harrison and General Sherman, but it is a notable fact that men who are full-blooded, inclined to corpulence, are not seldom victims to Bright's disease or heart failure if they feed heavily for years and take little or no exercise. Mr. Reed, like Mr. Blaine, was sought after socially at Washington, and twenty years of Washington dinner parties will kill any man of Mr. Reed's physique who eats well and takes little exercise, even if he abstains from alcohol.

COMMENDATORY AND SUGGESTIVE.

Among the intelligent and therefore helpful philanthropies of Portland are two very deserving institutions—the Woman's Union and boarding-house and the Young Women's Christian Association. The names of these institutions declare their purpose—a purpose that is only charitable in the higher sense of that term. That is, it does not propose to give outright the benefits of home, instruction and oversight to young women who are out in the world, so to speak, for themselves, but by concerted effort by providing places where their own earnings will suffice for their legitimate needs.

The Woman's Union, after a hard struggle, has passed beyond the experimental stage, in which all such effort, unless liberally endowed, is handicapped by debt and cramped in various ways for means and appliances to carry on the work. Her careful management and the most untiring labor of its directors have succeeded in establishing a home for working women which well deserves the name—a home where for a price which is within the scope of their earnings, self-respecting young women and girls may have all the comforts and many of the luxuries of modern life. Their building has grown from a house of a few rooms to a commodious dwelling well suited to the purpose, and it has been so expertly supervised and efficiently managed that in the full fifteen years of its existence not a breath of reproach nor a hint of scandal has hovered about it. Its capacity is now taxed to the utmost, and the energetic management is considering ways and means to enlarge the building to meet the constantly growing demand.

The Y. W. C. A., an institution much younger in this city than the Woman's Union, has also done and is doing excellent service in the field of intelligent philanthropy. Coming at a later date and working under somewhat different lines, but with the same general purpose of helping self-respecting young women to help themselves, this organization may be said to have taken hold at once upon the popular heart. Its growth from the first has been steady, and in review seems almost phenomenal. The opportunities that it offers to young women and girls (especially those of the wage-earning class), social, moral and educational, are many and excellent. Also carefully supervised, this effort is not yet so far advanced as the other, but it is not less commendable. It includes the maintenance of a home in the composite sense of shelter, food and lodging. The one may be characterized as the downtown business effort of intelligent philanthropy in behalf of women who need and appreciate its kindly offices. The other embodies the resident idea with its more retired but still convenient location, its motherly supervision, its homelike atmosphere and its attractions as a safe abiding-place.

Thus far the work of these organizations, though similar, is distinct. It should remain so. It is said, however, that the managers of the Y. W. C. A. have in contemplation the addition of a lodging-house to the work of that organization. It may be hoped that this is not true. Business men of this city are already heavily taxed for the support of philanthropic institutions. Of this burden, it may be said that it is borne cheerfully, though at times it is felt to be unnecessarily heavy on account of the increased expenditure which results from a multiplication of institutions having practically the same object. In order to increase the lodging facilities of the Woman's Union building on Fifteenth and Flanders streets, an ideal location, by the way, for such a home, or to establish a lodging-house in conjunction with the Y. W. C. A., the usual contributions from the public will be required. Inasmuch as the first-named organization has the site, has had experience in the supervision of such a home, and has a location well suited to its work, there are those who feel that the need indicated could be supplied with less expenditure of money and with at least equally satisfactory results by enlarging the building already owned and operated for this purpose. Ill-considered zeal sometimes by over-reaching its object produces inharmonious among philanthropic workers, and it is only good sense intended, it is well worth while to consider this question carefully at its present stage of development, to the end that concentrated rather than divided effort may be compassed in its solution, and economy of resources be secured.

The public, a patient burden-bearer in the main, is sometimes forced to cry out under the pressure of too many churches having practically the same object in view. Let this public be not compelled to give reluctantly to the maintenance of two or more philanthropic institutions that cross each other's lines of endeavor needlessly while to each in its distinctive line of effort it would give willingly.

THE CRIMES ACT IN IRELAND.

Justice James Fitzgerald, of the New York Supreme Court, in a recent visit to Ireland secured an official copy of the crimes act and made an analysis of it from an American legal point of view. Judge Fitzgerald in the New York Sun states that under the crimes act of 1883, those provisions relate exclusively to Ireland, the Lord Lieutenant may at any time by proclamation suspend absolutely the civil rights of all the inhabitants of Ireland or any part of Ireland. Under this proclamation an accused person may be summarily prosecuted before two minor magistrates, who may condemn to imprisonment with or without hard labor. At the present time twelve counties are proclaimed.

These extraordinary proceedings are at present directed against the United Irish League. Section 6 of the crimes act empowers the Irish executive by special proclamation to declare an association to be dangerous and membership therein becomes a crime. The publication of the proceedings of any meeting of such body becomes under certain circumstances also a crime, if the district where the publication is had is a

proclaimed one. Justice Fitzgerald has correctly stated the function and comprehensiveness of the crimes act. Its enactment was obtained at a time of intense honor and excitement following the assassination of Lord Frederick Cavendish, and has never been repealed.

John D. Commmins, another highly intelligent and influential Catholic Irishman of New York City, did not bring back from his trip of observation to Ireland as gloomy a view of the present situation as does Justice Fitzgerald. Mr. Commmins reported Ireland as vastly improved and comparatively prosperous and happy. He believes that the passage of Russell's bill for the expropriation of land through government purchase and sale to the tenant is all that is necessary to settle the vexed land question, but the Irish party in Parliament is not disposed to favor this bill, which is the only one that is likely to obtain a passage. Its author, Mr. T. W