

OUR DEBT TO THE CHURCH

WHAT CATHOLICISM HAS DONE FOR AMERICA.

Henry Austin Adams Says It Has Always Stood for Civil and Religious Liberty.

Henry Austin Adams bade farewell to Portland audiences last night, when he delivered the last lecture of the series of five at the Baker Theater. His subject was "America's Debt to the Catholic Church." Very few seats were taken when Mr. Adams made his opening remarks, and there was only standing room in the foyer 30 minutes later. In all, it is estimated that at least 1200 people attended the lecture.

The lecture showed Mr. Adams in a new character. During the previous nights his addresses were principally instructive, but last night he was entertaining as well as instructive, and laughter was as frequent as applause. In prefacing his address Mr. Adams said:

"The thing that troubled my good Protestant friends when I became Catholic was the idea that in some not very definite but very real way I had ceased to be as good an American as anybody else. No. But what I am going to prove to the satisfaction of any one capable of reasoning at all is that one cannot be an American in the deepest, truest and noblest sense of the word unless he is a good and obedient member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Roman church. And this statement is not as sweeping as it sounds, either."

He then proceeded to say that Catholics discovered and explored the country, that the sacrifice of the mass was offered in many parts of the present United States not only before the coming of non-Catholics, but before the discovery of Protestantism itself.

"And from the very first," he said, "it has been the Catholics alone who have never failed to adhere to the great principles that underlie our Government. That which we mean by 'American' is a certain body of principles of political economy and social ethics embodied in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and it is an absolutely undeniable fact that Catholics are the only ones who have a clear record of religion to these. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—the fundamental principles of our National polity—have been flagrantly violated repeatedly by every Protestant denomination in America, but never by the Church. The Puritan denied the 'right to life' to the Indians, and the whole history of the relation of Protestant Americans to these poor red men is a bloody chapter of perfidy, murder and robbery, ending in our present thoroughly 'Anglo-Saxon' theory, that the only good Indian is a dead one. Contrast with this the millions of full-blooded Catholic Indians still to be found in places where the 'un-American' Catholics deal with them, and right here let me say that if any little local ignoramus disputes this point, I wish you would ask him to read the magnificent works of Charles F. Lummis, who does know about Indians, and is not one of those tricky Catholics, either, but a perfectly reliable Protestant."

"And again, the 'right of liberty' civil and religious, has been frequently denied to Catholics, but never violated by them. Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, all in fact of the 13 Colonies (except one) grossly outraged the rights of Catholics, and the Know Nothing and A. P. A. movements were damnable evidences of what kind of 'Americans' some Protestants are. At the convention held nearly all the resolutions from time to time resolutions aimed at Catholics and seeking to limit the exercise by them of civil and political rights are passed. But the Catholics of Maryland in their original charter proclaimed for the first time in America the principle of civil and religious liberty, and not one instance can be adduced of any Catholic ever having sought to circumvent in any way these rights to their fellow countrymen."

"In every war Catholics have fought and fallen for the flag in larger numbers proportionately to their strength than any other class of citizens. Among the greatest of our Generals, Judges, doctors, merchants, bankers, actors, writers, thinkers, educators, and all others who have made the country what it is, the faithful children of the church are to be found second to none."

"But the supreme test of the indebtedness of our beloved republic to the old church is found not in these mere external services, however valuable, but rather in the philosophy of morals and of life, which she alone teaches effectively and in her fullness. All have agreed that the inviolability and security of the family is the very cornerstone upon which all society that is to endure must rest. If this be true, it follows that he is the best citizen who fights the enemies of the family most effectively. Well, can anybody outside of the bosom of the Catholic church find a better friend than the family in America, both able and courageous enough to be of service, is the Catholic church? Divorce and the hellish destruction of unborn children, and a godless education of those lucky children that manage to be born by accident—these every one knows are the fatal and ever-growing enemies of the family, and so of the state. And who, in God's name, are fighting these enemies? Not the Protestant minister, who will marry divorces (whom his Master called adulterers); not the timid preacher who would not dare so much as to allude to ante-natal infanticide; no, nor the public school, in which the human soul with its eternal moral responsibility has to be ignored. Not these, but the church that refuses to countenance legalized prostitution (unhappily stricken divorce), and sees to it that marriage is not degraded, but subserving its divine purpose (hence the large Catholic family); and then educates the child (paying two taxes to do so) in the principles of symmetrical, moral, intellectual and physical life."

"America is safe, because the Catholic church is strong and growing here, and, as in the past, so in the future, she will be found unflinchingly maintaining our sacred rights, and proclaiming the eternal truths of God and his justice, apart from which all human wisdom is but folly."

Crowds on Street-Cars.

A good idea of the number of people who use the street-cars, especially when the line extends into the country, was had the past few days while repairs were being made to the substructure of the road-way on Grand avenue, between East Stark and East Pine streets. Passengers were transferred from one car to another both ways. Open cars were frequent, and every one carried a full load. Crowds thronged the street and sidewalks constantly until it took an hour for the people in Central East Portland and North Mount Tabor were on the move. All through the day yesterday there was no

diminution in the crowds of passengers, and toward evening the number increased. Only when it is necessary to make transfers does the immense traffic of the street-cars become apparent.

CALLED TO PORTO RICO.

Rev. Robert McLean Will Do Missionary Work in Island.

Rev. Robert McLean, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, East Nineteenth and East Pine streets, has accepted the call to do missionary work in Porto Rico, tendered him by the Home Missionary Society, and will this morning read his resignation as pastor to his church, to take effect the first of September.

A year ago Dr. McLean was offered the superintendency of Presbyterian missions in Cuba by the Home Missionary Board, and he resigned as pastor, but his resignation was not accepted by his congregation, and he withdrew his acceptance of the Cuban appointment. The missionary board understood that he would be in a position to accept a call when a new church edifice that just being started would be along toward completion. It is now confidently expected that the building will be finished and ready for dedication some time in July. Dr. McLean's

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SHRINERS MAKE MERRY

TWENTY-FIVE NEW MEMBERS RIDE THE AL KADER CAMEL.

They Are Initiated Into Mysteries of the Order After a Journey Over the Burning Sands.

Twenty-five weary and wasted Masons were received into the secrets of the Mystic Shrine last night, after a perilous journey over the burning sands of the desert. Al Kader Temple heartily welcomed the pilgrims, and noting that they were thirsty, gave them camels' milk to drink. Hunger and fatigue oppressed them, and a sumptuous banquet was prepared that they might eat and become refreshed.

Those who survived the many hardships of the journey and entered the Temple in safety are: H. M. Branson, Salem; Charles A. Murphy, Salem; W. E. Croner, Portland; W. H. Gaivani, Portland; George H. Kelly, Eugene; Peter Johnson, Portland; W. Z. Anderson, Roseburg;

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