



General View of Cottage Grove Looking South From McFarland Hill.

Charity, the Love of Man For His Fellow Man.

By Bishop SAMUEL FALLOWS of Chicago.

CHARITY IS LOVE TO MAN IN ALL ITS VARIED AND MULTIPLIED FORMS. BENEVOLENCE IS COMMON TO THE CREATOR AND HIS CREATURES, DIFFERING ONLY IN DEGREE, AND INCLUDES HUMANITY.

God has the knowledge and the power as well as the will to do good. Man often has the will to do good without having the power to carry it into effect. Humanity belongs to man only. Love is God's essence and streams from him as light from its source. Charity is love manifested to man as man and therefore, like humanity, belongs to man only.

There can be no love for God without love for man, but charity must be regarded as the LOVE OF MAN FOR HIS FELLOW MAN, beginning with the narrow circles of his home and increasing in ever widening circles of affection until the whole of humanity is embraced within its infolding arms.

Charity is spontaneous in its giving. It gives because it CANNOT HELP GIVING. It is its nature to give.

CHARITY IS LIKE THE CIRCLING SUN, WHICH CANNOT HELP SHINING, BUT SCATTERS ITS BLESSINGS OF LIGHT AND HEAT UPON ALL. IT IS LIKE THE AROMATIC PLANT, WHICH CANNOT HELP DIFFUSING ITS FRAGRANCE. IT IS LIKE THE BLUSHING ROSE, WHICH, STRIVE AS IT MAY, CANNOT HIDE ITS LOVELINESS.



The Season's Greetings.

At this, the close of the first year of the **Leader** under the present management, the publishers take this opportunity to extend hearty thanks to its many patrons and friends for their liberal patronage during the past year and we solicit, and hope to continue to merit, your good will and generous support throughout the forthcoming year.

The **Leader** plant has been greatly improved, the paper enlarged and changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly and the circulation of the paper has nearly doubled in the past year. For all of this we are duly thankful, but anticipate that the new year will bring about greater improvements in the paper and plant, in the progress and development of Cottage Grove and vicinity, and renewed activity in our varied industries. In conclusion we wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

The Leader.

Success of a Community Depends on Its Provincialism.

By Professor JOSIAH ROYCE of Harvard University.

PROVINCIALISM is necessary to the town, the city and the country. A community must be SELF RESPECTING and cannot wisely live by taking over the customs of other people. A stranger must win his place in the social standard. The new life must come of its own life, and the new blood must flow in its own veins. The community must not be influenced by visitors or intruders. The summer visitor or the immigrant must be made to understand that he cannot destroy the provincialism. If he does have any influence in that regard, the community is in danger of MORAL DEATH and the home becomes an abandoned farm in the spiritual world.

THE SUCCESS OF A COMMUNITY LIES IN ITS DETERMINATION TO LIVE ITS OWN LIFE, NOT SELFISHLY, HOWEVER; TO HAVE A FIRM SOCIAL AUTHORITY TOWARD NEWCOMERS AND SOJOURNERS THAT SHOWS IT HAS A DIGNITY TO ASSERT AND TO HAVE A SPIRIT OF LOCAL PATRIOTISM.

The nation itself is in danger of becoming self estranged by the ABSENCE OF PROVINCIALISM. However, there is in large numbers the "silent voter" who cares not how long the shouting lasted at a certain convention and who is careful, thoughtful and decisive. He is the man who allows no agitation to mislead him, no political trickster to inflame his judgment and no newspaper to make noise enough to deafen to his ear the proper spirit.

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