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OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US.

It is said that an eminent Frenchman who lived to be one hundred years old, gave as his single rule of life, "Something of everything, not too much of anything."

This is a good rule for a paper like the North Shore News Letter, but in trying to follow it one does not meet with universal approval. The easiest thing in the world is to be an editor when not actually taking the responsibility of a regular issue of a paper, but when one looks from the Editorial chair into the multifarious demands and opinions to be represented the matter assumes another aspect.

There are people who think the only use of a local paper is to publish local items, even if they only tell that Mrs. Katzenjammer went to the circus," while others see in all items mere gossip.

Some think the Editor should say nothing about politics unless it be a puff of "our party." Others would not say anything about religion unless it be to be quite sure that there are no Jews in town and then declaim against them. As to social questions, it is unpopular to advocate prohibition or to approve of Miss Faston and her Anti-Cigaret work.

Editorials of course are only for effect but "nobody reads them." Some call for a serial story and others declare it is only our padding. Well, well! We do not expect to please everybody but we do earnestly desire to be of use to all. We believe that a good paper is an educator and we think that a local paper which reports the births, deaths, marriages and social events of our people and therefore, often finds a place on the reading table for the whole week should study not only what to publish but also what not to publish.

It is in this way we appeal to the people of the North Shore. Let us have your support and we can give you a good paper.

But without your support the paper cannot represent you and will fail, at least as far as you are concerned.

THE MORAL AWAKENING.

A year ago Mr. William Jennings Bryan wrote an article which was published in the Saturday Evening Post in which he claimed that we were on the eve of a great moral revival over a large portion of the world. He quoted Tolstoi of Russia and Dumas of France who years be-

fore foresaw this as a coming event and Mr. Bryan declared that "the movement seems to have a broader foundation than any nation or race. It extends around the globe; it reaches down and takes hold upon the heart—the connecting link which binds every man to every other man. No movement can be a universal one unless it appeals to the heart, and nothing that really appeals to the heart can be less than universal in its scope and influence."

It is not of trifling significance that our President should have followed very much the same line of thought in large portions of his recent speeches and that the candidate for Presidential honors on the opposite ticket should make this his chosen theme in most of his lectures.

But of vastly greater significance is the wonderful uprising of moral action on the part of the church. Almost without exception the church, Protestant, Catholic—Jew and Gentile, has become aroused to action against evil forces.

In vast portions of the entire country, the saloon is outlawed. As never before the public is turning on the lime-light against official corruption. Graft is on trial and grafters are beginning to ask "does it pay?"

The social monster is being routed out; the man who outrages decency—the fiend who conspires against young girls to enslave them—the vile press which sends its ministers of death abroad—the great conspiracies against honor and honesty—all these things are subjected to a growing fervor which is almost at white heat. Let the good work go on.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mayor Busse's refusal to enforce the State Sunday closing law against Saloon has resulted in the most vigorous campaign for moral order that has occurred in Chicago in many years. The law and order league is furnishing ammunition for a statement of the issues before all the Churches next Sunday. Detective service is engaged to secure evidence and every Saloon keeper in the city who does business on Sunday will be prosecuted at least so far as it is possible to collect evidence against them.

In many parts of the United States there is a vigorous campaign against bill-boards. All over the country the bill-board has become a nuisance. In cities valuable property is defaced or hidden behind great standards of boards erected so high as to obscure tall buildings. In the country the perspective is everywhere broken unsightly advertisements and one no longer can find a natural view which is not more or less disfigured with the ugly bill board.

Edward Payson Weston, who 30 years ago, showed us how to walk long distances is now in his seventieth year walking from Portland, Maine, on his way to Chicago a distance of 1,230 miles. We are not speculating or even hinting as to the time it may take Mr. Weston to complete this feat but we are reminded that in his younger days much interest was attached to walking as an atheletic exercise for our

selves. We think it would be an improvement on football or would better serve the purpose for physical exercise.

The Editor of this paper who has just closed a series of lectures in Highland Park on Shakespearean subjects has been asked to state where his books can be obtained. "The Bible in Shakespeare" and "The Religion of Ruskin" are published by the Winona Publishing Co., 24 E. Adams st., Chicago, at \$1.50 and \$2.00 respectively. Copies can be obtained on application to this office, or by order of any bookseller.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS.

Certain days are observed in all the states and territories—Independence day, July 4; Christmas day, December 25, and Thanksgiving day, the last Thursday in November every year. Only these three days are legal holidays in all states and territories, and none of them by federal statute. Naturally, we think of these days as "national holidays," but technically and legally they are not. Thanksgiving day is nearly approximate a "national holiday" as it is proclaimed by the President of the United States, but the governors of the states also must act, since the President has no right to "order" all banks and business houses to close their doors, and the people generally to refrain from their ordinary pursuits on that day. The governors fall in with the date proclaimed by the President. So Thanksgiving day is observed by all the nation as a legal holiday, but even so it cannot be technically called a "national holiday."

Christmas day is observed by all Christendom. Yet it is not a national holiday in the United States. Every good American observes the day and is made happier by its coming. But for all that it is not a national holiday, strictly speaking.

Very few Americans, especially the growing boys, fail to take notice of the coming of July 4, observing it by "going a-fishing," if not by more noisy means. And most of us consider it a national affair.

Labor day is not a legal holiday except that Congress has proclaimed it such in the District of Columbia, but in some states it is not observed. Some states do not even observe New Year day as a legal holiday. Yet, generally speaking, it is nationally observed, and most persons look upon it as a holiday. Unless a change has been made recently, the banks do business on that day in some states. George Washington's birthday, February 22, is not observed as a legal holiday in all states, though it is in a large majority of them.

Decoration day, May 30, is pretty generally observed, though many states have not legalized it as a holiday. A good many states are now observing Arbor Day, the tree-planting sentiment being greatly on the increase. Doubtless this day will be more generally observed as the years pass, especially since Gifford Pinchot,

chief of the United States forest service, after a 10,000 miles journey of returned to Washington with the startling announcement that "the timber supply will be exhausted within 20 years unless the brakes are firmly applied in all sections of the country."

AN APPEAL FOR HELP TO FIND A LOST SON AND BROTHER.

We publish the following letter in full in order that the plain story may be told in the language of the young girl who appeals to the public to help to find her lost brother. The story here told is an illustration of many another lost to friends by accident or by prodigal life. If any one of our readers should know of the youth we will be pleased to forward letters addressed to us. Editor.

New York, Nov. 8, 1907.

To Editor,

Dear Sir,—

Would you kindly take interest in this letter I am writing to you. Now, I am a young girl of 17 years and am trying to find some clue of my lost brother which my parents believe to be dead but somehow I think he is somewhere about Lake Forest or Galesburg because a year ago last July 10th he wrote his last letter home saying he was working for Mr. W. J. Newman, teaming contractor at Lake Forest, Ill. Since then we have not heard one word of his whereabouts. I wrote to Mr. Newman and he said he worked for him and then he went to work somewhere at Galesburg. He was a good son but having a few words with my father he went away from home about four years ago. We all long to see him once more. Dear Sir—My mother's heart is broke and she keeps wearing over him and she always keeps on saying he must be dead or in some persons' hands so that he can't write. So I beg of you, Dear Sir, if you can help me in any way to find my beloved brother, I would be so thankful to you. When he left home we were living at 279 Pleasant Ave., New York City. But now our residence is 15 W. 114th St., N. Y. C. Trusting in God that he will answer this advertisement.

He is John P. Flanagan, 25 years old, short and stout, very light and complexion rather rosy. I advertised in the American Journal but no one knew where he was. Hoping I am not much trouble, I remain

Yours truly,

Miss Mary Flanagan.

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