

THE COLLEGIAN.

BY SHELDON.

(Continued.)

"Again, a necessity of colonial sessions is an increase in our regular army, and the first increase proposed is from 30,000 to 100,000 men. It is a strange commentary that, at the close of the nineteenth-century, the head of the most arbitrary government in the civilized world, the czar of the Russias, is inviting the nations of the world to a decrease in their arms, while this, the freest land, is proposing an increase in its. Yet such seems to be the imperative need if we enter upon the system of colonial expansion. We have lived and prospered for 123 years with a handful of regular troops. We have preserved peace at home, and have been respected abroad. Government by consent of the governed has little need of the soldier. So the world has come to believe, and so it is. Are we ready to forfeit this high position? Do we not endanger the very foundation principles of this government when we make the blame of the bugles and the tramp of the armed battalions the music which is heard on every side and the inspiration which attracts the ambition of our youth?"

"If," continued Edward, as he finished the quotation, "we begin a war on a nation for conquest, what future do we anticipate for our country? To quote again from the same source, from this distinguished member of our highest court whose motives certainly cannot be impugned as selfish or partisan:—

"My friends, two visions rise before me. One of a nation, growing in population, riches and strength, reaching out the strong hand to bring within its dominion weaker and distant races and lands; holding them by force for the rapid wealth they may bring—with perhaps the occasional glory, success and sacrifice of war; a wondrously luxurious life into which the fortunes of war shall enter; an accumulation of magnificence which, for a term, will charm and dazzle, and then the shadow of the awful question whether human nature has changed, and the old law, that history repeats itself, has lost its force; whether the ascending splendor of imperial power is to be followed by the descending gloom of luxury, decay and ruin. The other of a nation, where the spirit of the Pilgrim and the Huguenot remains the living and controlling force, devoting its energies to the development of the inexhaustible resources of its great continental territory; solving the problem of universal personal and political liberty, of a government by the consent of the governed, where no king, no class and no race rules, but each individual has equal voice and power in the control of all, where wealth comes only as the compensation for honest toil of hand or brain, where public service is private duty; a nation whose supreme value to the world lies not in its power but in its unflinching loyalty to the high ideals of its youth, its forever lifting its strong hand, not to govern, but only to protect, the weak; and thus the bright shining which brightens more and more into the fadeless eternal day.

"Brethren, Ebal and Gerizim are before us. Might and right stand on either side, with their great appeals. "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side; Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record One death grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the new. Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown Standeth God within the shadow keeping watch above his own.

"We see dimly in the present what is small and what is great. Slow of faith how weak an arm may turn the iron helm of fate. But the soul is still oracular, and amid the market's din, List the ominous stern whisper from the Delphic cave within: They endure their children's children who make compromise with sin.

"Paraphrasing in part the invocation which attends the opening of the supreme court, God save the United States of America and keep them from the road so often traveled by nations. Of increasing territory, accumulating dominion, rapidly and easily acquired wealth, luxurious splendor, a growing separation between the poor and the rich, presaging decay and death, and may we always hear the solemn prayer of Abraham Lincoln borne upward to heaven from the consecrated field of Gettysburg upon the mighty volume of patriotic incense which ever rises from that sacred spot, that government

of and by and for the people may never perish from the earth." It was very still while Edward was presenting this part of his argument, for the quotation was from an address so recent that it was not generally known and, so far as Edward knew it, had not been printed in any of the Raynor papers. One of the judges listened with a marked expression of surprise, as if he could hardly believe that a judge of the supreme court of the United States could be the author of the sentiments attributed to him in the address. [Address by Hon. David Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, before the Liberal club, Buffalo, Feb. 16, 1890.]

There was no attempt, at any point in his speech, to break out into applause, as there had been in the case of Wilson. Even when Edward closed his description of the horrors of war in a long and elaborate simile, which was the battle and the death of the native Pilgrims and her baby, there was not the slightest indication that he had any sympathy from the audience. It was only when he finally closed and walked back to his seat, that the applause broke out, and apparently it was the fully as long and prolonged as that which followed Wilson's peroration.

In Wilson's rejoinder, he showed a slight hesitation, similar to that which had marked Edward's beginning. Those who knew what he had prepared, said afterward that he left out a large part of what he intended to say, and extemporized to a great extent.

However that may be, he spoke with considerable force and again provoked loud applause.

Edward closed the debate with a rebuttal that, in the opinion of a large part of the student body, was far stronger than his main argument and again divided the honors with Wilson, as far as applause was concerned.

And now came the most trying moment of the evening to the young contestants. The judges retired to make their decision, and while they were out the glee club sang by request. When some one called for the old war song, "O Cuba, the land that ought to be free!" it seemed to some of the audience that the sentiment provoked by it was in the nature of a prophecy, anticipating the decision of the judges against Edward. There was no doubt that, owing to the enthusiasm for the war, Edward had the unpopular side of the question. And yet, more than one woman in the audience that night, thinking of her own child safe and warm in its bed at home, felt her eyes dim at the memory of Willis' picture, as Edward had drawn it from his pocket. If these women had been the judges, it is possible that the verdict would have been very quickly reached. The glee club sang half a dozen selections, and still the judges did not appear. The classes began to stamp their feet and shout their class yell. Wilson and Edward, who had remained on the platform, were uncomfortably nervous, although neither of them showed it.

At last the judges appeared, and one of them mounted the platform and came forward slowly.

"Make it brief!" cried some one in the junior class. Some of the audience laughed, and others hissed, while the president sternly raised his arm to demand order.

"Mr. President," said the judge, with a good natured smile, "I have been a college boy myself. I don't intend to make a speech on this occasion."

"But you are," sang out the voice that had interrupted the first time.

"That's all of it," replied the chairman pleasantly. "The judges award the prize in this contest to John W. Wilson."

And then pandemonium broke loose among the students as the judge

walked up to Wilson and handed him the envelope containing three crisp \$10 bills. Even Edward, in the first moment of disappointment, could not help thinking of how much he could do with \$30 in the way of new books or a suit of clothes that he needed very much.

He choked down his feelings and with his rival as the audience noisily dispersed, the members of the two societies trying to tear down each other's flags and finally winding up the evening's excitement with a free for all flag contest at the foot of the chapel steps outside.

The president warmly congratulated both speakers.

"After all, Blake, you did splendidly. You are improving in your delivery."

"Do you think so?" Edward was a little pleased at the president's sincere praise.

"Of course you're more or less disappointed right now," added the president, keenly reading Edward's feelings, "but winning the prize isn't the main thing in a debate. The main thing is to say something that ought to be said and say it as if you meant it and wanted others to believe as you do."

Edward took it quietly and afterward remembered the president's words. But he was really too much disappointed to be helped much by it. He was going to all the platform by way of the rear exit when Freda, who had come up to the edge of the platform with Miss Seton, called to him:

"Ned, won't you go over with us?"

Edward somewhat reluctantly turned and came down the platform steps and joined them.

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aged, and maintained their belief in spite of all evidence against it."

The case in which Judge Waterman allowed a new trial is one in which a jury, Feb. 1, brought in a verdict of \$14,880 damages in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and against Karl Eitel, Secretary of the Bismarck Garden Company.

Judge Waterman's statement is replete with a number of women of prominence here, who hold that members of their sex are just as reliable in matters of testimony as men are.

HAD ENOUGH OF IT.

Col Otter Declines to Discuss Discipline in the Army of South Africa.

Colonel Foster, quartermaster-general, of Ottawa, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture before the members of the Military Institute at the Armouries in Toronto recently, on "Discipline from the historical point of view." Speaking of English officers, Colonel Foster said they too often displayed a spirit of contempt for their enemies, and also for their own men, as the Canadian soldiers had found out when they went to South Africa.

In the discussion which followed the lecture, Major John A. McGillivray said he did not like the aspersions cast upon the British officers by Colonel Foster, and asked that Colonel Otter, who was present, give his opinion of their attitude towards the Canadians. Colonel Otter declined to touch on the subject of Colonel Foster's lecture, as he said he had enough of discipline in South Africa. Referring to the attitude of the British officers in South Africa towards the Canadians, he said his men had always received the utmost civility and kindness.

Colonel Lessard said personally he was treated well by the British officers, but as to their attitude towards his men he would not speak. In conclusion, Colonel Lessard declared that "esprit de corps" would bring discipline every time.

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