

Parson Newman's Hot Scotch.

No one will more readily agree with the deputy shepherd that "all taps is wanity" than the Rev. John P. Newman, late of the Consular service of the United States, but more recently pastor of Grant's Church in Washington. When Newman was abroad in the service of the State and Newman, he purchased in Scotland a quantity of pure Scotch whiskey, which he brought to this country as part of his personal baggage, and thus secured its entry free of duty. Arriving in Washington, he found that he had more of the fiery fluid than even a temperance preacher or a whole teetotalers' society could readily consume, and he proposed to one of his parishioners, Mr. Cake, proprietor of Willard's Hotel, to exchange thirty gallons of it for a like quantity of pale sherry. Knowing that he could readily dispose of a superior article of Scotch by peddling it out over the bar of his hotel, qualified by hot water and flavored with lemon peel, Mr. Cake made the exchange. In a moment of weakness he mentioned the barter to his barkeeper, and in a gush of confidence that useful adjunct to a public house communicated it in the strictest secrecy to a journalist. All Washington knew the story within twenty-four hours, and the bibulous wage of the Capital are crowding to the National bar and directing the compounding and setting forth of a Newman hot Scotch. A correspondent of the gentler sex, who is amazed at Mr. Cake's perfidy, pictures the distress of Mrs. Newman. "The idea," says she, "of my husband, a Methodist temperance divine, being made known to the community as a trafficker of whiskey, and smuggled whiskey at that; and the thought of having a drink called after him!" At this the lady's grief overcame her. It was rather an ugly abuse of confidence, and I do not wonder at the distress of Mrs. Newman, who is a sensitive, good woman, over the dire result, for surely it is not an edifying sight to witness men crowding the bar at Willard's and hear them calling for "Newman's hot Scotch." One's sympathy is with the parson's wife, and belief in the reasoning powers of the correspondent would be greater if the distress and indignation were caused by the fact of Newman's hypocrisy, not occasioned by its discovery.—*Chicago Paper.*

A SCOTCH PRAYER.—One of the most notable men for home fireside eloquence was Adam Scott, of Upper Dalgleish. Here is a short sample of one of his prayers:

"We partecially thank Thee for Thy great goodness to Meg; and that it ever cam into your head to taek ony thought o' sic useless bow-wow as her (alluding to a little girl of his who had been miraculously saved from drowning). For Thy mercy's sake—for the sake o' Thy puir sinfu' creeturs now addressing Thee in their ain shilly-shally way, and, for the sake o' mair than we daur weel name to Thee, hae mercy on our Rob. Ye ken Yersel' he's a wild, mischevious callant, and thinks nae mair o' committing sin than a dog doe's o' licking a dish. But put Thy hook intil his nose, and Thy bridle intil his gab, and gar him up back to Thee, wi' a jirk that he'll not forget the longest day he has to live. Diana forget puir Jamie, who's far awa frae us the nicht. Keep Thy arm o' power about him, and, ech Sir, I wish ye wad endow him wi' a little spunk and smeddum to act for his sel'; for if Ye dinna, he'll be but a bauchle i' this world, and a backstiter i' the next. Thou hast added one to our family. (One of his sons had just married against his approbation.) So has been Thy will. It wad never have been mine. But, if it is of Thee, do Thou bless the connection. But if the fule bath done it out o' carnal desire against a reason and credit, may the cauld rain o' adversity settle in his habitation."

—Lord Lytton made his public entry into Delhi through a double line of troops six miles in length.

—The Bank of England held £35,017,529 in bullion on the 20th of last September, which is the largest amount ever known.

—Beecher, speaking on Vanderbilt, concluded that it was not exactly the thing to give God the fag end only of our lives.

The Women's Work.—The following copy of a letter, addressed by the President of the Centennial Board of Finance to Mrs. E. D. Gillespie, President of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee, has been received by Miss E. R. Snow, who has handed it to us, with a request to publish—

"Mrs. E. D. Gillespie, President of the Women's Centennial Executive Committee:

"MY DEAR MADAM.—The Centennial Board of Finance assigned to the Secretary the duty of replying to your letter of the 29th ult., and at the same time requested me to express to you and your associates their feelings in contemplation of the close of your labors in connection with the International Exhibition. This duty I gladly comply with.

"The work which has been accomplished has placed the workers by which it was wrought very close to the hearts of the American people. They recognize in it a true expression of their gratitude for the past, their progress in the century, and the hopes for the future which animate them in this the Centennial year; and whilst they never can know the individuals to whom they are indebted for the fruits of all their sacrifices, their perseverance and their labor, there is now, and I believe there ever will continue to be, a grateful appreciation universally felt towards every actor in the memorable scenes which have so recently closed upon us.

"As the Centennial Board of Finance are very conscious of the efficient aid, and of the steady, persevering zealous devotion of your associates, and especially of yourself, to the great cause in which you have been co-workers with them, it gives me very great pleasure to express in their behalf their grateful acknowledgments for all that you have done, and to assure you that whilst in common with yourself public approval is their only coveted reward, they will ever bear in living remembrance all your works, which having been entered in in a season of great darkness, were persevered in through much adversity, until they culminated on a blaze of glory. Allow me to convey from the Centennial Board of Finance to you and your fellow-laborers their kindly greeting and their best wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

"Very sincerely,
JOHN WELSH,
President.
"Philadelphia, Dec. 18, 1876."

WIDOWS.—Moore's *Rural New Yorker* talks about the charm of the widow in this way—"A young widow is, perhaps, the most interesting object in nature—or in art. She is too sweet for anything. Like all good things she can only be created at great sacrifice. Mrs. Browning says a man must be pretty thoroughly spoiled before he can leave a widow. This black swan, this mournful Phoenix—rises out of the funeral urn that holds the ashes of a husband's heart. Poets, statesmen, heroes and philosophers, have each felt the undefinable influence of widowhood. Its quality is not strained. It falls alike on the just and the unjust. Henry VIII. was so fond of them that he took two, and King David was so pleased with Abigail, the widow of Nabal, whom he took to wife, that he turned Bathsheba into a widow on purpose to marry her. Allen Ramsey wrote a song telling how to woo a widow. He might as well have left directions how to get struck with lightning." Who wouldn't be a widow? If one could not be a widow, who wouldn't like to have one?

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