

Though Fame nor Fortune guerdon thee,  
Still must thou strive in cheerfulness,  
And offer up thine all for Truth and Right,  
without reserve.

Thy happiness is doing;  
Nor be thou laggard in the Cause, nor  
timorous;  
Dauntless, dispel all fear, O striving Soul,  
And be thou Pioneer!

W. C. GUELS.

#### FARM WAGES.

A recent report on the wages of farm laborers in the United States, by the agricultural department, possesses some interesting and suggestive features. The highest average wages reported for a state is Montana, \$32.12 a month, with board. Nevada pays nearly as much, or \$31.76, and the other far western states and territories pay from \$28 to \$30. In North Dakota the average is \$21.82, in South Dakota \$20.41; Minnesota, \$19.98; Iowa, \$19.32; Wisconsin, \$19.20. Going east the average declines to \$13.27, in Ohio; \$14.31 in Pennsylvania; and then rises to from \$18 to \$18.75 in the New England states. These figures are for 1899, and include board in every case. The average for the whole country that year was \$14.07; the average being reduced by the low wages in the south, being as low as \$7.34 in South Carolina. This is the highest average since 1869, when it was \$16.55. Whenever differences are shown in wages in this country and Europe the higher wages here are attributed to the protection given labor by our tariff. But wages for this kind of labor in the south do not average half as high as in the north, though the same tariff covers and protects both regions. It may be said in explanation that labor is not as efficient south as north, and that the first gets all it is worth. This may be true; and the same may be said of European labor. At all events, the figures show that there are elements other than tariff that influence the wages of labor.—Farm, Stock and Home for Nov. 1.

#### MAYOR JOHNSON'S WAY.

In the future when plumbers and others want to tear up a street for any purpose they will have to make a deposit at the city to cover the cost of relaying the pavement in a proper manner. The city will do the repairing and the cost will be deducted from the deposit made. If there is any balance it will be returned to the man making the deposit.

During the past street after street has been ruined by the careless work

of private concerns tearing them up to make water or gas connections or for some other reason and failing to relay the paving properly. Director of Public Works Salen has decided to appoint a man in his department with whom all deposits must be made, and without whose permit no street can be torn up. It will be the duty of this clerk to see that the pavements are relaid as they should be.—Cleveland Plain Dealer of October 28.

"Mr. Johnson," began a well-known Democrat, as he entered the mayor's office yesterday, "there are two men in the workhouse that I want to talk to you about. They are out there for simple intoxication, and they ought to be pardoned."

"Who are they?"

The caller named the men. "I know about them," said the mayor. "Somebody spoke to me about them a few days ago. I think they ought to be pardoned."

"Thank you, Mr. Johnson. These men are Democrats, and they are dead crazy to vote our ticket. They quit work the first registration day to register and they have never missed voting the straight Democratic ticket in 20 years. It would break their hearts if they were not able to vote this time."

"Is that so?" replied the mayor. "Well, we will pardon them the day after election."

"Wha—wha—what's that!" stammered the caller.

"I said we'd pardon them the day after election," and the mayor turned on his heel and walked away.—Plain Dealer of November 1.

#### HOW TO RENDER A NATION UNFIT FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT.

For The Public.

When a nation professing Christianity is confronted with the difficulty of reconciling the Christian religion with a war of conquest and robbery, the excuse commonly set forth by the supporters of such a war is that the nation to be subjugated is "unfit to govern itself." The motive of the war, as opposed to its excuse, will invariably be discovered in some desirable object, which is to be secured by the conquest of the weaker race, such as gold mines, valuable harbors, or commercial advantages.

Of course everybody knows that there never was such an anomaly as a nation "unfit to govern itself." Every nation is fitted, by the very

fact of its existence, to govern itself in exactly the manner which the character of its people requires, and in no other. To assert the contrary is to deny the laws of nature. I will even advance a proposition parallel to the above, which is that no nation is fit to govern any other nation, or, to put it more fully, no nation is capable of giving to any other nation exactly the government which the latter requires.

But although all nations are accurately endowed by nature with the faculty of self-government, they may be made to lose that faculty if the proper means be applied, that is to say, if they be deprived of the privilege of self-government for a very long period. There seems to be no doubt that a nation governed by another nation will eventually become incapable of governing itself. This follows a universal law: All organs, senses and faculties which remain unused become atrophied, and in the course of many generations disappear altogether. Again, organs and faculties are strengthened by their use; so that it must be accepted as a truth that a nation can advance in its powers of self-government only through the exercise (the full and complete exercise) of self-government, and must eventually lose such powers if deprived of their exercise.

BERTRAND SHADWELL.

#### A POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE CRIME AGAINST POLAND.

An extract from a sermon delivered in the Vine Street Congregational Church, Cincinnati, November 3, by Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow.

I believe that it is more than a mere coincidence that one of the most frightful crimes of the century against the government should have been committed by one of the offspring of a people who have been the victims of the blackest crime that was ever committed in the name of Government—the partition of Poland.

The mills of the gods grind slowly. It may seem a long way from Warsaw to Buffalo. Yet we are all members of one body. The iniquities of the fathers are visited upon the children. The crimes of one nation are atoned for by another. Ignorance, brutality, hate—these are Oppression's ugly brood. Men do not gather grapes from thorns, nor figs from thistles. Neither do they gather anarchy from equitable social conditions, nor sedition from free political institutions.

With overwhelming armies Russia was crushing the national life of Poland while our forefathers were de-