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WINNING ESSAY IN STATE ESSAY CONTEST

THE PATRIOT OF TODAY

THOMAS A. DALY*

Patriotism has always been cherished by the people of every nation. Love of country has never been confined to one people or to one era. It is a universal feeling of the human heart, and consequently has found its way into the literature of every age. The Roman poet, Horace, wrote, "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country." Shakespeare makes one of his characters say, "I do love my country's good with a respect more tender, more holy and profound, than mine own life." Daniel Webster once said, "Let our object be our country, our whole country, and nothing but our country."

Patriotism is a quality of every great national hero to such an extent that he would never have reached the heights he did without that characteristic. What words are more expressive of the feeling of the true patriot than those written by Scott in "The Lay of the Last Minstrel":

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land!"

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Although the tide of patriotism is highest when our country's welfare is jeopardized, still we find patriotism and patriots in times of peace as well. In this essay I shall endeavor to show that the patriot of today is not a myth, a mere spoken phrase, but a reality.

The patriot of today is every normal human being who takes an interest in affairs having an important bearing on the well-being of his fellow-men, and directs his efforts toward concluding those affairs in the manner most beneficial to his countrymen. He performs all the duties expected of a good citizen; he votes for the man whom he believes to be best fitted for office; he pays his taxes regularly; and he obeys all the laws of his country, even if he is not in sympathy with some of them. For instance, though he may strive to have the eighteenth amendment, the cause of the present prohibition question, changed or altered to a certain extent, nevertheless he will continue to obey the law as it is at present.

The average man of today is a patriot in that he is always ready to defend his country when an argument arises. He champions the policy of the United States in refraining from foreign entanglements. He reads the newspapers and concerns himself with the national questions of the time. He sacrifices his leisure time and personal preferences to serve his country.

The mother who teaches her little one obedience to law and tells them the story of how the flag was made or how this great nation was established, is a patriot; the father, who works long shifts through night and day to support his family and thus keeps open the great mills that are the backbone of our country's prosperity, is a patriot; the teacher, who seeks to imbue his pupils with patriotic sentiments through the medium of history, civics, or literature, is a patriot; the business man, who gives his associates to understand that he will have nothing to do with transactions that violate any of the laws of his country, is a patriot; the lawyer, who upholds the law of his native land before the court and asks for the punishment of the man who has violated it, is a patriot. Many pages could be filled in enumerating those who are the patriots of today.

Unfortunately, the majority of us never realize what our love for country means to us. Without our patriotism this nation could not exist. Its foundations would crumble, we should lose our identity as Americans, and sink into the oblivion of a "submerged nationality." Perhaps if we were told that we should

be taken away from our native land never to return to it again, we would see what it means to be without a country which we can honor and defend.

In conclusion I will say that my sole aim in the preceding paragraphs has been to stress the fact that, the patriot of today, when once awakened to his duties, although he may differ in dress and customs from the patriots of past history, still possesses that virtue of all patriots, the virtue that prompted Nathan Hale to cry out, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country "

INDIANA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

To the Members of the Indiana State Bar Association:

The THIRTY-THIRD Annual Meeting will be held July 11th and 12th in Gary, and our headquarters will be at the Gary Hotel.

President Walker has arranged a very interesting program for that time. The Lake County Bar Association has been planning our entertainment for the past six months.

The opening session will convene at 2:00 P. M. Thursday July 11th. We will be entertained by the Gary Association at a Fish Fry that evening on Lake Michigan. The Friday July 12th session will start at 9:00 A. M. Friday morning. The annual banquet will be held in the Gary Hotel, Friday evening at 6:30 P. M. Robert McCarter of Newark, Ex-President and leader New Jersey Bar, world traveler, senior counsel Hall-Mills case, speaker for American Bar in England two years ago, classmate of Woodrow Wilson will be our banquet speaker. Will Rogers will in all probability address the first evening's meeting.

For the past several years the annual meeting has been growing in interest and attendance. No doubt this year will break all records. Remember that the women folks are welcome at all of the sessions.

The day following the business session, Saturday July 13th the Gary Bar Association has planned several different sorts of entertainment, all of which means a very enjoyable time. There will be free trips to all the Dunes Sections, and especially conducted trips through the Gary Steel Mills.

Bring the family along and have a good time!

JOEL A. BAKER,
Sec.-Treas.