

## MISCELLANY

## THE BEARERS.

For The Public.

Who bears the White Man's burden?  
Who bends beneath the load,  
When nations press for payment  
Of homage never owed?  
The crafty chiefs in council?  
The petty prince in power?  
Or rests its weight on shoulders  
Made strong against that hour?

Made strong through years of labor;  
To swift obedience trained;  
A fettered host of freemen;  
A people free, yet chained.  
Free to be led and follow  
Blindly where banners lead;  
Yet none the less in bondage—  
Slaves to the White Man's greed.

These bear the White Man's burden  
Through all the days of wrath.  
These, in the wild and desert,  
Make smooth and safe the path—  
Safe for the White Man's coming  
In fields not yet his own,  
To reap a golden harvest  
Where lead and steel were sown.

Send forth your best and bravest  
To swell the sacrifice,  
Draw on the boundless future,  
Its sons shall pay the price  
In days when this, their country,  
Of its defense thus shorn,  
Falls easy prey to passions  
Of nations yet unborn.

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## "SEPARATE FROM SINNERS."

I said, "I will separate myself from the world. O Lord, my soul is white and I am weary of the sins of men."

God said, "Your hands are red, how came your soul so white?"

I answered, "Lord, it is a bloody world and generations of men have suffered from their sins. I have profited by their errors; have I not seen how evil spots the soul? I have kept mine white."

"Are all your brethren's souls now white?" said God.

I hung my head.

"Go back to your work," said God, "you have learned in their pains and you must suffer in their penalties."—Bolton Hall, in *The Kingdom*.

## BABIES CHEAPER THAN PUPPIES.

In any great city of the world you can buy a first-class human baby for less money than will buy a second-class dog. Usually you can get a first-class human baby for nothing. You can never get a fairly good dog on such terms. You can't get any kind of a monkey without paying a good price. The joke seems to be on poor old mother Nature. She has spent many, many long millions of years producing man. She probably spent five million years perfecting his hand alone, to say nothing of the time spent on his brain. She was nursing

him along in the warm corners of the earth during the twenty thousand glacial years when the ice was a mile deep where we are now living. And after all her trouble she discovers that human babies are cheaper than puppies! It's a very good joke on her.—*New York Evening Journal*.

## "THE SIN OF BEING RICH."

Notwithstanding that our churches are full of them, the term "millionaire Christian" is an utter absurdity. Such gigantic riches can be produced only by the "unearned increment" of land values, which of right is the common heritage of all men, or by the monopolistic system by means of which the commercial spirit robs alike of their just proportion of profit both inventive genius and individual thrift. This is very conclusively shown in the *New York Tribune's* list of 4,000 American millionaires. Well has Bolton Hall said: "Scratch a Russian and you find a Tartar. Scratch a millionaire, and you find a monopolist." Building churches and contributing liberally to charity soup-houses, on the corner of Misery street and Starvation alley, does not make that kind of riches Christian. Founding an institution of learning does not justify ill-gotten gain, nor does the endowment of a university with millions sanctify the hypocrisy of the giver.—*Rev. J. Hoffman Batten, of Peoria, Ill., as reported in the Peoria Star of March 13.*

## LINCOLN ON THE PREAMBLE TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

This was their majestic interpretation of the economy of the universe. This was their lofty and wise and noble understanding of the justice of the Creator to his creatures. Yes, gentlemen, to all his creatures, to the whole great family of man. . . . They grasped not only the whole race of man then living, but they reached forward and seized upon the furthest posterity. They erected a beacon to guide their children and their children's children, and the countless myriads who should inhabit the earth in other ages. Wise statesmen as they were, they knew the tendency of prosperity to breed tyrants, and so they established these great self-evident truths, that when in the distant future some man, some faction, some interest, should set up the doctrine that none but rich men, or none but white men, or none but Anglo-Saxon white men were entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, their posterity might look up again to the Declaration of Independence and take courage

to renew the battle which their fathers began, so that truth and justice and mercy and all the human and Christian virtues might not be extinguished from the land; so that no man should thereafter dare to limit and circumscribe the principles on which the temple of liberty was being built.

## OTIS AS A HEAD HUNTER.

This pleasant information is permitted to leak out of the war department through the medium of a special to the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*. It certainly should give zest to our merry pursuit of imperial glory through "benevolent assimilation:"

It need not surprise the American people to hear any day that the body of Gen. Aguinaldo has been brought to Manila. Although this government has set no price on his head, it is well understood here, in inside military circles, that Gen. Otis has been taking measures to capture alive, if possible, the notorious rebel leader, and that, failing to take him alive, means will be taken to kill him and bring his body to Manila.

Gen. Otis, it is said, is of the opinion that Aguinaldo alone is responsible for the present insurrection and for the destruction of thousands of his unfortunate countrymen, as well as the sacrifice of the lives of many American soldiers and hundreds of helpless women and children. His whole career is regarded as one of treachery, and it is felt that his capture or death is essential to the peace of the Philippines and the ending of the war. While no detailed statement can be given in regard to the instructions that Gen. Otis has given in regard to Aguinaldo, the *Dispatch* correspondent is reliably informed that he has in his employ a number of daring men, both natives and Americans, who are devoting their whole time to the pursuit and capture of Aguinaldo.

It is the belief of Gen. Otis that the insurgent chief, with his usual cunning, is keeping safely away from the firing line, and that he is in hiding in some safe retreat, away from danger. Here they expect to find him, and, as stated, it is expected that the news of his capture will be flashed across the cable at an early day.

So America has joined the head hunters. But has she forgotten that a price was set on the head of her own George Washington and that he was regarded by George of England as Gen. Otis seems to regard Aguinaldo?

But in connection with this inspiring news let us read what Capt. John McCafferty, a San Francisco business man, has to say concerning Aguinaldo and Otis. Capt. McCafferty visited the Philippines last November for business reasons and he writes thus to the *San Francisco Bulletin*:

On my arrival at Manila, United States Consul Williams gave me a letter of introduction to President Aguinaldo, from whom I desired a permit to visit the mountain ranges of the island of Luzon. Aguinaldo, however, refused me permission to go over the island, reluctantly assigning as a reason that his relations with Maj.