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SERMON OF DR. VELAZA, AT THE TOAST OF DR. VARELA.

"O come, Gentlemen, as a simple citizen, as a sincere friend of the illustrious man we have lost, to take part in this manifestation of public sorrow.

It is not the first time that a sepulchre has heard the plaintive words, always inspired in me by the venerable remains precipitated into it by crime. But it is not my intention as on other occasions, to record the fine qualities of that noble victim; it would be superfluous: the name of Varela is already as glorious as it is popular. I will only ask—Why did his remains make our heart-strings vibrate so affectionately?—Because it is the symbol of merit, of industry, of a loving son, of a successful husband, an exemplary parent, a sincere friend, a respectable citizen, an enlightened man, a distinguished writer, Don Vicente Varela combined in an eminent degree those privileged endowments that render a man illustrious, that reflect honor on the land that gave him birth, that engrave his beloved name indelibly on the hearts of his compatriots, and imperishably consecrate his memory.

Our V. had spent in exile the prime and vigour of his life: he possessed a vast store of useful knowledge; had faith in the honest course, and he had the courage; had perseverance that insuperable boon which Providence is wont to confer on fortunate men; had a frequently prevailing over the power of fate and tyrants? How powerful and auspicious were those qualities, now his heritage, in the arduous and glorious enterprise of our country! And that, also, his enlightenment, an enlightenment that now remains to us. There he is!—The teachers and Indian poignard of the Frontispiece, who, with his golden pen, extirpated a powerful mind, disarticulated his victims, and rendered fatherless eleven helpless innocents; yet, but it has also sealed the inhumanity of its victims, and consigned the names of his assassins to the everlasting malediction of the human race.

How many Gentlemen, on that fatal night, when his blood had so many streets of Montevideo I saw him stretched out, in his bed of pain, and the light of his intense eyes quenched; and what I then felt for him, that I imagine you all know not; it would be impossible for me to express, and you may perhaps infer from what I felt at this moment before his ashes, after a lapse of four years. We had lost him! We had lost Varela!

From that hour, Gentlemen, and since the Argentine emigration had discharged such mournful duties, at the tomb of that unfortunate, my constant prayer has been, that the day of regeneration might arrive, when his brethren of Buenos Ayres might in their turn receive that eloquent urn, and publicly render it the homage, the ovation of the sentiments which it inspires. "Thine Genes," my heart said, "and thy prayers are answered! Now, to the sound of that bell that mournfully tolls in our ears, to the sound of that bell that mournfully tolls where so many thousands of our brave, silent victims of thy tyrannical error, rest here let us deposit these mournful relics of one of its noblest martyrs.

"Farewell, my friend! My friend! Here you are at last, amidst your compatriots, who surround and bewail you; you are now in the bosom of the heart of our country; once more accept an adieu, that issues from my heart's core; and beg for your native land, that she may send you a now response, some of that prosperity your talents would have procured it; beg of Him a spark of your genius for those who love it, and some of your virtues for your friend."

"Gentlemen—We discharge at this moment the most sacred obligation that liberty and justice can assign to men, for in the presence of the immortal God, who sits on the tomb of an illustrious victim, for the homage due to his virtue and martyrdom, which you would have done as the offspring of genius, were man and his memory, his works and the gratitude of his fellow men, and his name in the hearts of the Native Land of the Argentines, would be unworthy of her name, should she forget in her possession of you, the virtues which she could confer for her liberty and her glory.

"Farewell, my friend; your committee are distinguished men, that they should be distinguished men, when he hides his face in the West,

preserve for a length of time the mellow twilight, which is the ornament of the extinguished splendor. And we here teach aloud how patriotic saints are canonized, how the crown of imperishable glory is placed on the brows of the martyr.

Her merits is—to Varela liberty was a religion; his native land was his altar, and his manly was his temple. And alone—with that power which emanates from God and not from man—the noble tyranny trembled, and, with his noble blood, wrote all the impatience of tyrants to triumph over liberty; all the intolerance of crime to contend with; and all the littleness of barbarism to confound civilization.

His death was the apotheosis conferred on intelligence by tyrants; for, with the dagger of the tyrant Varela, they wished to annihilate ideas, cowardly confessing their fear of speech and truth.

Proscribed to the priesthood of Argentine liberty, his very death served as the indelible stain of despotism; it served as the most eloquent truth of the past and of the future.

But our generation, Gentlemen,—this generation, which life has been a perpetual autumn, that has torn from it its flowers and its leaves—lost in him one of its fairest relics. Varela's heart was as exalted as his intellect; his feelings were as virtuous and talent, constituted in him an indivisible nature. An admirer of christianity,—humanity, pure and family life, were beloved objects of his heart. "The man of our age—liberty and peace, liberality and science, gave movement to his ideas.—"All was lost. The traitor hand of Oribe, that robbed the blood of his mother country, undertook also to rob the Argentines of one of their fairest glories of glory, as if in the gratitude of the soil, he had excluded his name, one wanting that might hurt it to the excretion of his fellow-man.

"O you, Gentlemen, to die in exile, when there is in the soul a feverish ambition to breathe our natal air, is die a hundred times.

His native land, is the lost Eden of the clouds; then those who have sought the sanctuary may have passed under its refulgences; for his tomb he desires, he vehemently desires, that the dust of his ashes, the scattering of its breezes, the brilliancy of its stars.

As Argentine exiles, we had constituted our country, in a single country, to a single sentiment—our Country! And if any thing nestled ambition in our hearts, it was liberty, for our Country, and its soil for our bones.

"That ambition was also thine, noble martyr; and it is the solemn day of thy Country; and thine ashes from the foreign; and receives you in her arms for evermore; your compatriots salute your ashes; your companions of misfortune surround you, and since you hear the voice of your friends under the skies of your Native Land, sleep tranquilly in your sepulchre, for the sacred enterprise of two generations has been accomplished.

"When you feel a genial warmth in the urn that contains your ashes, and in the frozen blood, sleep tranquilly—it is the sun of your father-land that warms it.

"Should you ever again happen to desert the silence of these sepulchres, sleep tranquilly—it is the murmur of La Plata that shall salute your ashes."

"Farewell, my friend; among the thorns of your martyr's crown there are four flowers entwined; your soul is in Heaven; your name, your right should be in your country; your name in history, and your bones repose in the bosom of your Native Land."

SERMON OF GENERAL MANUEL PRINOS, PRESIDENT OF THE HONOURABLE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, AT THE SESSION OF ITS INSTALLATION, MAY 1ST, 1852.

"The solemn day has at length arrived, prepared and marked out by a Divine and inscrutable Providence, when your Honours, resuming your rights, should take your seats in this sanctuary of the law, exercising the ordinary and extraordinary sovereignty with which you are invested in virtue thereof; you may dictate beneficent resolutions, and confer common utility to the citizens and their happiness; you may, for the lively interest and decision wherewith they march to the front, in the defence of the Republic, in favour of each of the actual Hon. Representatives; and this act of welcome recorded in the annals of your country, will be a constant of corresponding to it, by your assiduous tasks and efficacious co-operation, in all those measures that may have a tendency to their welfare.

But previously to all this, the Eternal, who directs the destinies of man, had elected and strengthened the Argentine. Esteban-Luiz Heró, to use that perverse Partisan, who had sullied himself, usurping our laws, our prerogatives and our guarantees; and and in fact he succeeded in so doing. That Argentine, by two successive and vigorous blows, gave liberty to two States, leaving them at liberty to arrange their destinies. Eternal gratitude to the author of these prodigies, and imperishable records of acknowledgment to the aforesaid distinguished patriot, whom your Honours will allow me to felicitate in your name from this place, because this is the anniversary of the day when he commenced his task, and also when he announced the programme of his noble and daring enterprise. Receive, great and invincible General, the most expressive thanks of this Corporation, for your beginning and happy result; receive the homage and gratitude of this heroic community.

In reminding you, Hon. Representatives, of the event that took place within the precincts of this Chamber, in the person of the deceased Dr. Don Manuel Velazco Maza, treacherously assassinated, and who profited that citizen by the death of the late President, or by his friendship and the services he had rendered as a public and private man, it is our intention to give you a glimpse on this day, but to suggest to your Hon. Corporation the sanction of some religious homage, as the perpetual without the least assistance of that kind.

It also consider it my duty to remind your Hon. Corporation of the outrages committed in various ways against the Argentines, that some honourable means of redress may be accorded for effecting light, and for the deserving the consideration of your Hon. Corporation.

In concluding this simple address, I recommend to your Honours, as your chief source of success, the union of the country, establishing union and concord amongst them, hoping for its attainment, that certain and positive and the Committee of Liberty may always guide the deliberations of your Hon. Corporation, and that it may receive the homage and glory that are due to it.

Your Hon. Corporation has present before you, H. E. the Provisional Government, an honoured compatriot, who has chosen to take your Honours, in the opening of this Legislature, and his presence and that of the Ministers, will remind your Honours of his energy and decision, in the face of the events presented, placing the credit that is due to his public power, and the respect of the citizens, was a condition of life, this condition is now attained, by the singular favor of Divine Providence, that we are your thanks.

You are assembled, Messrs. Representatives, in the Chamber that has preceded you for the last 22 years, for the first year now, without having your origin, your object, or your free elections, and the only possible claim of legitimacy, now that the vile instrument of an individual will, that had the audacity to usurp the sovereignty of the People, but to be the faithful organ of the general will, the safety of the Republic, and the welfare of the People of the Government that you are about to appoint.

What a vast distance, traversed in so short a time, between the Chamber of January of this same year, that carried their services to the usurper; the annexed terms, and the free Representation that the Congress and the auspices of May; MAY 16th in Buenos Ayres, and MAY 16th in the Province of Entre Ríos! The fruitful virtues, gained on the 3rd of February on the plains of Caseros, and the triumph of the Government of said Argentine Province, Generalissimo.

"The Province of Buenos Ayres, that felt for so many years the profound sorrow of seeing the falsehood, that corrupted the source of its public power, longed for the happy moment of a change, that might restore to their normal state, without the help of States run from foreign despots, till they fall under a conquest that annihilates their nationality. A lawful Assembly of Representatives, formed by the free election of the citizens, was a condition of life, this condition is now attained, by the singular favor of Divine Providence, that we are your thanks.

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Chief of the Great Allied Army, that finished by arms of the Power that had lived off by arms, that frightened the tyrant of the Chamber and of the People, driving him to the other side of the sea, is that which separates the two Chambers, so near in time, so distant in dignity.

Intermediate there has existed a Provisional Government, offspring of the imperious necessity of maintaining public order, and of re-establishing before the world the credit of the civilization of this Province, so lost during the despotism of the tyrant; that was surrounded by hopes you might come to complete it. The citizen who addresses you, was designated by the honorable and patriotic Conceptor of Caseros, to the day subsequent to the battle. He comes before this Honourable Chamber, to terminate his honorable but weighty mission, promising shortly to present an exact account of his respective departments, by means of memorials, which the Ministers are preparing upon their respective departments, and which will be submitted to you, as soon as they are finished.

Meanwhile receive the due homage of the Provisional Government, that congratulates the Province on your accession to the Supreme Executive Power, and that congratulates you on the honourable commission you have received from your fellow-citizens, and who were designated by the Congress of the Province to redress the many past wrongs, and to prepare this Province and the Republic for the future that corresponds to them.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS.

"(To facilitate reference we affix the dates of their publication in the following list.) April 27th—(Without a meeting last.)—Note from the Minister of War to that of Government, intimating that the Government was desirous to purchase land for the individuals who had been sentenced to public works; the period of said sentence to be determined by the Executive.

Resolutions of the Supreme Court of Justice, defining the obligations of the Notaries Public, and of the Officers of Justice, and prohibiting for the future various infirmities and abuses that tend to compromise and delay the administration of Justice.

April 28th—Notes from the Commission of the Southern Proprietors to the Provisional Government, thanking it for its attention to the invasion of the Indians; reporting the satisfactory result of the interview with the Commission of the Government, and offering their cooperation in carrying out the necessary measures of defence.—Reply of the Government, accepting the proffered co-operation, and returning thanks.

Note from the Post Master General, detailing the manner in which the correspondence by the Mail Steamer Prince had been delivered; and complaining of the impatience and disorder of the parties assembled at the Post-Office, during the assumption of the correspondence.—Reply, ordered by the Police to be attended to, which disorders take place for the future.

Note from Dr. Luis Mendez y Balcarce, as additional Legal Adviser, transmitting a list of Poor and Minors, accepting his appointment as Director of the same.

Note from the Government of Santiago del Estero, transmitting copy of a draft of Law, for the re-organization of the Representatives, investing General Urquiza with the Foreign Relations of the Confederation.

April 29th—Notes from the Chamber of Representatives to the Executive, transmitting the decrees, sanctioning the election of the City and twelve of the rural Districts, and announcing that five individuals had given their assent to the election.

Decree appointing Sunday the 16th May for the election of new Deputies, for the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th Districts of the Country. Decree respecting the re-embarkation and transhipment of the merchandise, and the addition and rectification of manifests.—Both decrees published at length in our Monthly Retrospect of last week. Decree proroguing to the last day of May, the present law for taking possession. Note from the Ministry of Foreign Relations, remitting to the Department of Government, the material of the General Post Office.—Reply, acknowledging, &c. Circular to the Justices of Peace of the Southern Districts, expiating their co-operation with the Military Chiefs, in expelling H. E. the Government of the Southern Districts, and against the Indians.





