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LET US

BE prompt and be dutiful, still be polite,
 Be reverent, be quiet, be sure to be right,
 Be hopeful, yet be cheerful, be happy, be kind;
 Be busy of body, be modest of mind,
 Be careful, yet be the first to bestow,
 Be temperate, be steady, in anger be slow.
 Be calm, be retiring, be not led astray,
 Be grateful, be cautious of those who betray,
 Be watchful, be ready, be open, be frank
 Be manly to all men, whatever their rank.

THOMAS SHAMIS.

LITHUANIAN HISTORY AT A GLANCE

B. C.

2000. Lithuanians crossed from Asia to Europe.

A. D.

135. Mention of Lithuanians in the works of the Greek Geographer Ptolemy.

966. Baptism of Polish Duke Miczislav, spreading of Christianity among the Poles. Beginning of the Polish Kingdom.

1000. Russians and Poles fall upon the Lithuanians

1150. Beginning of wars by the Lithuanian nations upon the Slavs.

1225. Mindaugas reign.

1230. Grand Duke Mindaugas, one of the rulers of the southern Lithuanians becomes powerful and organizes all the Lithuanians into the Lithuanian Nation.

1230-1422. Bloody massacre of the Lithuanians by Knights of Cross and Order of Sword-Bearers.

1230-83. Knights of Cross conduct massacres on the

Lithuanians in Prussia.

1236. Sept. 22 Battle of the Fortress of Rakties. Lithuanians exterminate the Sword-Bearers. Remnant of the Sword-Bearers join the Knights of Cross.

1251. Baptism of Mindaugas.

1253. Coronation of Mindaugas.

1260. Battle of Lake Durbes. Lithuanians exterminate the combined Orders of the Sword-Bearers and Knights of Cross.

1261. Mindaugas forsakes Christianity.

1263. Assassination of Mindaugas.

1264. Poles fall upon the Lithuanians.

1274-76. Lithuanians defeat the Orders at Nau-miestis.

1282. Russians and Poles exterminate one of the smaller Lithuanian nations. Annexing Jatving, Their name is lost.

1315-41. Reign of Grand Duke Gediminas.

1320. Transfer of the Lithuanian capitol from Tra-ko to Vilno.

1320. Coronation of Wladislaw, the first King of Poland.
1336. February 25 Fall of Fort Peleniu.
1341. December Death of Gediminas, in the attack upon Fort Raudondvario (Bavenburg).
- 1344-77. Reign of Grand Duke Algirdas, (born 1293).
1360. Grand Duke of Smolensk surrenders to Algirdas. Algirdas gains large territory and pushes the boundry of Lithuania to the Oka river.
1362. April 16 (Easter Saturday) Knights of Cross take Fort Kovno and destroy the city.
1362. Algirdas, defeats the Tartars on the Siniuch river and captures Kiev and invades Crimea. Pushing Lithuania's boundry to the Black Sea.
- 1368-70-72. Algirdas marches on to Moscow.
1377. May 24 Death of Algirdas, at Vilno.
1382. August 15 Assassination of Keistutis, Fort Krevos. Little later drowning of his wife Byruta, Vytautas mother.

1386. February 15 Baptism of Jagello, at Cracow.
1386. March 4 Jagello's coronation as King of Poland. Jagello recognizes the union. The same year the baptism of higher Lithuanians and the province of Vilno.
- 1386-1569. Lithuania united with Poland.
1386. Establishment of the Episcopate of Vilno.
- 1392-1430. Reign of Grand Duke Vytautas, b 1344.
1410. July 15 Battle of Grunwald (Zalgiri).
1414. Baptism of the people of Samogitia, and the extinguishing of the everlasting fire in the Fort Aukaimiu chapel, to the one krivu krivaitis Gintautas (Defender of the Nation).
1417. Establishment of the Episcopate of Samogitia.
1422. Surrender of the Knights of Cross and the Sword-Bearers. From now on Samogitia belongs to Lithuania.
1430. October 27 Death of Grand Duke Vytautas, Trako.
1432. Grand Duke Zigmund, son of Keistutis, grants

the Poles Volynia and Podolia.

1435. Battle of Vilkmerge Lithuanians defeat Svirigailo.

1499. July 14 Battle of Vedrosa, Russians defeat the Lithuanians and capture Moscow, Lithuania's boundary is carried in as far as the rivers Soj and Dnieper.

1499. John Albracht grants privileges to the Polish Bajoras (1496) putting the yoke on the poor agriculturist; land can be held by Bajoras only. Peasant children are forbidden to attend school, to any trade or profession.

1514. Russians capture Smolensk.

1514. Sept. 18 Lithuanians defeat the Russians at Oka river.

1529. Publishing of the Lithuanian Statute.

1542 and 1544. Lithuanians at the convention of Brest claim to Zigmund I, that public offices in Lithuania are given to the Poles. Religious Orders belong
(To be continued)

WHAT a pleasant life this would be if all would establish a garden in their own souls, and cultivate therein all that is sweet and beautiful, discarding every little rootlet, every seed and every germ that could possibly produce acrimonious feelings, unkind thoughts or wayward acts. We must not wait for the enjoyment that emanates from spiritual sources in the Summerland; we must have a congenial soil in our own nature, from which the grandest impulses of heaven will spring forth, naturally rendering our happiness complete.

Can you pass the poor cripple in the streets without sad emotions? Can you repel the poverty-stricken hand, appealing for assistance? Can you turn away the tear-stained orphan without granting a word of encouragement? If so, you have none of the sweet and beautiful in your nature that characterized the life of the immortal Emmerson or Longfellow. The sweet and beautiful is only the heritage of the pure in heart, the benevolent, the kind, the forbearing, the merciful, the sympathetic.

MOLLIE'S TERRIER

Did you hear of Mollie Mardon's dog?

It was the most extraordinary little dog I ever heard of. Mollie used to think the world of her little terrier and she would take him out for a walk every morning. Well, it was last Friday it all happened. Mollie was giving that yelping terrier his usual run on the streets, when he noticed old man Huckleberry's pug dog and he ran across the street to eat him up. Of course the pug dog objected to be eaten by such a snarly little devil, so they started to argue it out in dog fashion. And in the arguing business they didn't notice where they were going to until they got behind darky Jones' mule. Jones' mule is rather ticklish around his hind feet and when those two dogs rolled up against him, he let his hind feet go, and those dogs went skywards for a half a mile before they started for the earth again. In coming down, Mollie's terrier came in contact with Rube Groff bat as he was swinging it to knock a home

run for the Barons, and that little terrier went up again and over the fence onto the car tracks just as an electric car going fifteen miles an hour came along which bounced that dog a block or two before the fender finally threw him to one side, as "Felt hat Pete" in his automobile whizzed by which hit him and knocked that dog right into the wheels of a hose wagon going to a fire. Now Mollie's dog in some way got wedged between the spokes, and there he stuck and was carried to the scene of the fire.

Now that dog couldn't stop there for the wagon collided with a telephone pole, and the wheel that held Mollie's dog came off and went right into the burning which fell in at that time and burnt up the dog. I tell you, friend, I'd like to know when did Mollie's dog passed in his chips. And so would Mollie.

LITHUANIA

FAR have we wandered, far from Lithuania,
 Far from our father's graves beneath her sod,
 Far from the hearthstones by their love made sacred
 Far from the shrines they builded to their God.

Still as we stand, and strain our eyes with gazing
 Far to the eastward, through the cloud-strewn space,
 Dimly there comes to each of us the vision,
 Then clear and clearer, till we see her face.

Lo, see her stand! her feet all worn and bleeding—
 Her hands are manacled, her garments torn,
 Hunger and grief have marred her face with weeping
 Bowed is her head with weight of bitter scorn.

Yet in her eyes what fire still is blazing—
 And in her lips what pride and courage meet,
 Bravely she waits the day of her deliverance,
 Hears in her soul the hastening of its feet.

"Oh best Beloved, how can we avenge thee?
 Bind up thy wounds, and pour in oil and wine?
 What comfort bring thee out of our possessions?
 Take of our bounty—what we have is thine!"

Then in the silence to our hearts comes answer,
 "Vengeance I will not, only God is just
 But help thy brethren, naked, starving, dying—
 Trampled to earth by wars of hate and lust.

Of me—Thy Mother—bear a deep remembrance,
 Bind me, an amulet upon thy breast,
 Speak of me daily, in the new-world cities
 Dream of me nightly, when thou takest rest.

Teach to thy children all my ancient glories,
 Sound in their ears my proud and noble tongue,
 Sing them my songs, and tell to them my stories,
 Let me not be dishonored by thy young."

Mother, we hear thee, and our hearts are burning,
 Shall we not answer all thy mute appeal?
 Bring of our treasure for thy suffering children,
 And with our loyal lives thy glory seal?

Far have we wandered, far from Lithuania,
 Shall we forget our fathers neath her sod?
 Shall we forget the homes their love made sacred?
 Shall we forget the worship of their God?

LOUISE ATHERTON DICKEY.



PARTITION OF MARS

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- One-sixtieth could clean Mecca of disease.
 - One-sixtieth could build another Panama canal.
 - One-fifteenth could turn the Western desert into productive fields.
 - One-fifteenth could save infants lives.
 - One-thirtieth could navigate the Mississippi to the Lakes.
 - One-thirtieth could rip the slums from the cities.
 - One-thirtieth could hang the twenty-three on the "White Plague."
 - One-thirtieth could endow universities.
 - One-thirtieth could take the sting from the pesty Mosquitoe.
 - Three-fifths could drive out demon Ignorance.
- Clear our heads, look to the East and see the grandeur, the pathos, the fire, rivulets turned red—red with blood—**HUMAN.**

THOMAS SHAMIS.

APPEAL

To God against rulers,
 Who started to mow,
 The wars biggest harvest,
 That history will know.

In Europe there is
 The knight of a nation;
 Who withstood much grief,
 Already with patience.

Hemmed in by the Slavs,
 The Teutons and sea;
 Existing in bondage
 And never care free.

I see Lithuania
 As shrouded in grief,
 Torn and mutilated
 Beyond all belief.

Its streams and its rivers
 Running blood red,
 And the harvest in fields,
 And great forests dead.

No homes for the living
 But only the graves,
 Where lie Lithuanias
 Old warriors and braves.

While wives and their mothers,
 Relation and kin;
 Were driven away
 As if for a sin.

Of living the life,
 God gave to each one;
 With but one command,
 Bear malice to none.

WILLIAM B. NEUWELLS.

SEARCHLIGHT

Double-header, yes Mabel, the league has 'em too. Pittston in and Pittston out reminds one of the barn door that never could be kept shut.

No wonder Scranton is at the end anyone couldn't expect to be in high carrying around the surplus weight. We advise Reduso.

Duryea is looking for the few loop holes.

Wilkes-Barre sports the best team, but what happened one game with Luzerne.

Plymouth has been left in the hands newcomers. Pallis had better take shorter vacations. Via Oakland.

Luzerne is there to keep up the work of Edwardsville.

The league issued a comeback for Lukasavage. "Luckee" is out in the wild and wooly west and to get him back to the ranks is as good as a needle in a haystack.

The value of a man from his chin down to his feet averages about \$1 a day. The difference is from the chin up.

Umpires have been stirring trouble.

Who heard of a manager selecting a neutral umpire?

Some rooters go to the games to get some nerve as one old timer expressed it.

Parasols have there use and they and certainly useful but what would we do if she wouldn't bring it.

Evolution of the tag at the game to a cone for five.

The typical young man of this date who shines in the smart class. Generally leaves the home ties and takes on the wandering trail. Before the day has begun a knock comes on the door and come in the youth weary and "fagged out" from the journey of childishness. No wiser or richer from the experience, he also carries a sleeveful of wind and tries to induce others to go down the way of distress. Good sensible youth will not listen to unheard glory for he knows better. The prophets are scattered wherever wind bloweth. Such is the way!

Lithuanian base ball is still alive in the southern part of Pennsylvania.

Minersville is on the map. The livest bunch.

Famous quotation No. 1, "A Forrdd in disguise."

Frank of the Krehel staff has some good qualities in delivery.

J. Koval and A. Gaido (?) are the fastest players.

There is a man by the name of D , the first base man who should think less of his girl when playing in her town. More attention to the game would please "John."

The semi wind-up of the B & G controversy ended as predicted in our previous number. Angels cannot fly without wings. Juliet forgot the ladder. Cupid mended his dart. It occurs to us what is the use of going to far-away Klondike when dear Wyoming loves us the better.

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Kind words are highly appreciated, but—kind words and nickels dropped in once in a while for "sample copies" won't run the business.

Let's get together; let's take council together and see if we cannot become Boosters.

Lean on yours truly—I am here to Boost.

Many times we are told that Opportunity knocks but once. That may or may not be so. The reason why so many of us seldom recognize Opportunity is: We are looking for Opportunity to present some easy way, and fail to recognize it when it shows us the way to "hitch" ourselves to the jobs we hold.

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