

EDITORIAL

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THE LIBERTY BELL IS THE SPIRITUAL HEART OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL.

THE *Philadelphia Evening Ledger* of a few weeks ago had a most interesting editorial under a caption the substance of which is embodied in the above. The historic symbol is revered by visitors to this country as well as by us. Li Hung Chang, when standing before the Liberty Bell the first time, has been represented as saying to himself:

"I could not hear the voice in my ears;
But in my heart its tones took hold,"

and so it is that there is a procession of visitors almost daily, and at the present time the lines of patriots are long. Many eyes are dimmed, many a heart swells with pride and patriotism during these visits to the "Shrine of Liberty." It may well be questioned whether any nation preserves a relic of so great historic significance, one that speaks so clearly the language of freedom and proclaims its message so soul-stirringly.

Whatever we may see at the Exposition, and this will be a comprehensive, artistic, dignified exposition, the commemorative thought is after all uppermost. Every citizen loves dearly the emblem spoken of and the celebration in Philadelphia offers the opportunity of seeing it or standing by it again, as the case may be. Though silent, it proclaims a message sounding loud throughout the world.

It may be said that men of all lines of activities visit the resting place of Benjamin Franklin, because he was not only a pioneer but the things he promoted were of great value to the people of his country, of the world. He appealed to all because whatever he did had a wide application. He was not only patriotic and loyal, but he possessed the scientific interest and professional spirit. No one of his period was more highly esteemed and regarded and to-day he is accepted by many as the greatest of our citizens—the qualities mentioned contributed thereto—his activities were many-sided; he studied problems for their general worth and value and then interpreted their meaning, importance and service to the public.

The connection of the Liberty Bell with Pharmacy may not be close but application can be made without shocking the feelings of our readers, for Pharmacy has a mission of service and it is that which will have a clearer meaning and tone at the Philadelphia meeting, if we listen to the intonations of service for Pharmacy and rightly interpret its meaning to the public.—E. G. E.

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