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THE FIRST, THE NEW, AND THE COMING WOMAN.

Rev. J. B. Pressly, D. D., in Associate Professor of Theology.

Some may say the subject is very extensive. So it is, and like many in the Bible we fear to undertake it; not, however, because it is so Scriptural, excepting the first woman. According to accepted usage, as we remember over fifty years ago, when speaking of a human family in a general way, man included the woman more generally and satisfactorily than now.

Since capable of judging rationally about the matter, we have always thought the first woman, Eve, the finest specimen of the kind the sex has ever shown on. But her position is about her position as an executive, both as complete in the marriage relation, or incomplete outside of it. As the Apostle teaches, "Adam was first made, then Eve," made of and for the man, and as a wife to be in subjection to the husband, and at the same time to be the glory of the man.

The theology and teaching of my late reared unprejudiced poet, Milton, agrees very well with what is inspired. This appears when Eve to Adam said:

"What thou biddest I obey; and so God ordains: God is thy law; his will is my right; his will is my happiness; and he is my God."

What God ordains and his law in the marriage relation should be complied without dispute—each in the sphere of revealed duty.

In accord with this, Milton again describes the first human pair—

"Though both Not equal, as their sex unequal seemed; For contemplation he, and valor form'd; For softness she, and sweet attractive grace: He for God only she for God in him: His reason more her sense; her object pure, his various; her whole intent, her husband's good, his but to love her true; her self to love, her reason to obey, her reason to obey, her reason to obey."

It is also Pauline in its theology and teaching. Though apparently contracted compared with the new woman of the last few years, it is "but in true filial freedom plac'd."

The new woman, by her captivating position and untiring perseverance in laboring for anything upon which she sets her heart, has done more for herself than the above designation. But in doing this, we believe that in a large majority of instances it is by ignoring the one great end for which God made her a woman. She is not only incomplete, as we before said, but has turned aside from the course of a large majority of those women who have done most in perpetuating and purifying the race as Godly mothers.

Each young mother has the formative training of the budding minds of boys and girls, who, if spared a few more years will be the fathers and mothers of the next generation. O, the power of a godly mother. Her eye and voice, her caresses and reproofs are the first lessons the young immortal ever learns. A little later, see the kneeling child with his chubby hands laid together on mother's knee, with his suppliant eyes upturned to mother's lips as she says "Dear mother, pray for me."

Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord, my soul to keep, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

What mother's eye when she reads the above will not glisten, moisten and run over with the distilled heart drops of affection? These are sweet memories of the past years to repeat—memories of some most cherished and trained for heaven, whose young spirit is somewhere far beyond the stars with God? Of numberless family firesides in this broad land it may be said, as changed, what Robert Burns says of Scotland:

"From scenes like these our union's grandeur That makes us loved at home, revered abroad."

Kind reader,

Have you forgot how long ago, How in our own night-dress, How we knelt at mother's knee?

Thus also it is that we sing:

"A seed shall rise to serve the Lord, From one who loved the Lord, and loved his kind, The righteous seed to sire and son, The righteous seed to sire and son."

To be such a mother as above described, is the retirement of the family circle, and by her connection with the church—does more, for the perpetuity and purity of the race and the triumph of the gospel, than all the manly women that have entered the civil or the religious organizations outside of the church in this great land of ours. Looking at the happy pictures of the former with four-in-hand vest, standing collar, shirt-in-hand tie, and handkerchief in the middle, (she) there is sometimes difficulty in deciding which sex they belong. Hence we might say of the new woman that she has ceased to be a lady without becoming a gentleman.

"Advancing a step forward, up or down, we can't say which, we proceed to consider the coming woman."

Just while writing the lines introducing this point (My 23, 1895), a magazine and newspaper were laid on our table. The first contained: "A call for a National Conference on Political Reform, issued by a number of prominent clergymen and Christian workers. The Conference is to be held June 12 and 13, at the University Temple, in Philadelphia. Among the subjects of national importance set down for discussion we find: "Woman Suffrage." Among the signers of the call we find honorable ministers and two women—Mary T. Burt and Frances Willard. In the newspaper we learned that the House and Senate of Congress had passed the bill authorizing voters at the next State election to vote on granting woman suffrage. This, therefore, is one revolutionary matter to which the coming woman is looking forward. Many new and serious complications and their results will be evolved.

A number of the Century during the summer of last year (1894) has an article on both sides of the woman suffrage question, presenting the best that can be said. The above mentioned complications and results are surely against it. If all women are allowed to vote, three million of negro women will be admitted to the polls, and along with them all naturalized women of foreign birth—indeed all except Chinese and

NO KISSING IN JAPAN.

There may be some who have yet to learn that there is no kissing in Japan. A young man never kisses his sweetheart, a wife never kisses her husband, a mother never kisses her children.

We ourselves remember asking a Japanese lady once why her people never kiss. Her reply was, "Physical contact is disagreeable to us."

To give his readers an idea of what a true Japanese thinks of kissing, we here quote from the article in hand, an essay written by a young man in an English school at Yokohama, as follows: "The custom of kissing is a thing which is not known in our country, and their customs were introduced days after days, and most of the Japanese young men are indulging in their manners. When they meet together, they shake hands, they begin their speaking with 'Good morning.' They put roses on their bosom as if the presents of young ladies. That is right. I don't say it is wrong or foolish. You had better do so. But there is one thing that is awful dangerous—that is, kiss, as it is called in English. 'What is kiss?' 'It is a thing which is disagreeable and therefore all Japanese feel disagreeable. I am sure in such reasons, I dare say, it is quite bad to introduce that custom in our country.'"

Speaking of Japanese girls in foreign attire reminds Mr. DeGuerre of the criticism of an American woman, who said they had "no shape." Upon this he says:

"Truly the Japanese know nothing about corsets, but it may be pertinent to ask, what do we mean by 'shape'? It is to be three and half inches through the waist and three and half feet around the hips. When I see a Japanese girl, I feel as if I were looking at a piece of cloth that has been cut to fit a man's body, and I wonder how she can get it on."

"A Japanese girl in a restaurant, looking at a foreign lady, the possessor of a very fine figure, who was enjoying a tremendously heavy lunch, 'Where does she keep her stomach?' No one was able to answer. 'Very strange,' added the lady laughing. 'She keeps it just under her throat, where she is so big!'"

Miss That Waits.

In Japan there is a lot of mice, white-speckled with black about the head, neck, and tail, which are called, "waiting, for hours at a time with only brief stoppages. The desire to wait is the mice at the most unexpected moments, especially at night, for they generally sleep during the day, and frequently they wait in couples, but so rapidly that they appear like spinning wheels of white and black. Like Giant Despair's fits, the waiting paroxysms of these mice, often seize them when they are sleeping, and if they attempt to escape from them, they do not go far before they are arrested by the irresistible desire to wait. The tendency is hereditary and exhibits itself as soon as the young mice begin to run about."

More Missionaries Wanted.

Bishop R. B. Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who has just returned from Japan, Corea and China, brings the message to the American people from Li Hung Chang: "Say to the American people for me to send over more men for the schools and hospitals, and to be in a position to both to aid and protect them. Li Hung Chang had asked Bishop Hendrix how many American missionaries there were in China. 'There are about 800,' replied the Bishop. 'More are needed,' said Li Hung Chang, and in a moment he repeated the same words, 'more are needed.' He then expressed the great obligation of China to the American missionaries and the Christian spirit which had sent them to China, and ended by asking the Bishop to convey the message."

Russia has offered to lend the United States one half its gold without charging any interest. "If the President accepts the offer," says the New York correspondent of the Washington Post, "his action will create more excitement in Europe than the Venezuelan message. It will be regarded as the first step toward the monetary union of Louisiana Bay, Peter Sykes by name, who drives a milk-cart for his father. He was on the road about sunrise, pretty doxy, and perhaps sleeping a little, when a sudden jolt shook him wide-awake. Instantly he became aware of a horrible thing. By some unaccountable means a big rattlesnake had found its way into the cart, and was wrapped about the neck of one of the large milk-cans. The fellow looked as if he were all ready to strike. That was an awful moment for Peter. "The cart was a little box of a place. The two cans filled up the front, and the driver's seat was well in the rear. A covering of black oilcloth shut the boy in. There was a narrow door-space on either side, but to be sure, had it happened, Peter had fastened down both the milk-cans. Secretary Carlisle's report could not be submitted to Congress until he returned but he kept on shooting. Lord Salisbury's note arrived but could not be made public until he got back. Everybody cursed him for his indifference to the public welfare and the national glory but he kept banging away at the desks. Congress and the people, Democrats, Republicans and Populists, were so sore, but he only laid down his gun, spit on his bait and caught a few fish. When he got good and ready he quit and came to Elizabeth City, shook hands and expressed the method of the members of the Methodist Conference, went on to Washington Sunday, wrote a couple of columns in breviter type Monday; had it read in Congress Tuesday and all the country threw up its hat for him Wednesday. As a peace, the best was to the Central Hotel, Charlotte, the market after hearing Mr. J. H. Myrover make a speech at a banquet over these one night. 'He ain't purty but he sho' is a honey.'"—Charlotte Observer.

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ON PAYING DEBTS.

Did you ever hear a sermon on the duty of debt paying? We never did. But one of the congregations in Charlotte heard such a sermon recently. Rev. C. L. Hoffman, an Episcopalian, of that city, taking the text, "Owe no man anything," preached a sermon that leaked through his congregation into the papers. In the proper spirit, which preaching cannot fail to do good. If the world is ever made better it must be made better through the character and conduct of Christian people. If they fail to pay their debts they become stumbling blocks. If the light that is in the Church people be darkness, how great is that darkness!

The preacher was profoundly right when he said that a practical religion which a business man could see and comprehend was the religion needed to overthrow atheism and bring the world back to God. He had written down some interviews with an average group of Charlotte merchants. These merchants stated that they suffered from the credit system, more especially from procrastinated payments, that Church members were frequently delinquent, and that they had no faith in the professing Christian who wouldn't pay his debts. Further along the preacher emphasized the great evil of debt, of broken promises, and general theft and the like. Some people like the sermon, others didn't; but it cannot fail to have a salutary effect.

Too many ministers shy at the text on debt-paying. Wonder why? Are they themselves delinquent and thus stopped from warning the people? It ought not so to be. The gospel of debt-paying should be preached from the pulpit along with the other doctrines of probability and common honesty. If the preachers hands are tied and lips locked there is one of two evils at the bottom of such a condition. Either his people do not pay him his salary or else he spends too much; may be both. In either case the remedy lies with him. If he spends too much he can stop it and thus become a better example to his flock. If his people do not pay him, his better indication is needed that he has failed to preach the doctrines they most need to hear. He should see that they do pay him or release him. His influence as a preacher can have no more potency than that derives from his character as a man. When the pastor, feeling that the gospel he preaches obliges him as a man to perform promptly and faithfully his contracts in business, begins to inculcate the doctrine of debt-paying in his convictions, it will not long be before his people hear to their betterment the doctrine of debt-paying preached from appropriate texts.

Postal Abuse and Reform.

Postmaster General Wilson, in his annual report, refers to a number of important postal problems. He favors an extension of the merit system to higher grades of postal employees. He favors an increase of rates on second-class matter is reiterated. The deficit this year is over ten million dollars, but the improvement in business is likely to reduce it next year to \$5,000,000. Mr. Wilson points out that if the free business of the Post-Office Department for the other branches of the Government were paid for at regular rates, the deficiency would be wiped out. Mr. Wilson does not see why second-class matter, the handling of which costs 8 cents a pound should be carried at the rate of 4 cents a pound. The press, however, is against the proposal to increase the rate. The Philadelphia Ledger states the following objection to it: "It raises the question whether it is not better for the Government to bear the cost of the postal service than to cut off the people's means of information. Second-class matter includes newspapers, magazines, and periodicals, when mailed from the office of publication. It includes all the regular reading-matter of the people except books and to increase the postage on it would cut off the circulation of these things and lower the standard of general intelligence. An amendment might perhaps, be made in the way of charging regular rates on the papers now carried free within the counties where they are published, amounting to about one seventh of the whole since these seem to be no good reason for their being carried free. It may be made, but if the intention is to make the Post-Office Department self-supporting, the best and quickest way to do would be to abolish the Congressional franking privilege."

Peter Backed Out.

A New Orleans letter to the Philadelphia Press contains an account of a singular adventure that lately befell a Louisiana boy, Peter Sykes, by name, who drives a milk-cart for his father. He was on the road about sunrise, pretty doxy, and perhaps sleeping a little, when a sudden jolt shook him wide-awake. Instantly he became aware of a horrible thing. By some unaccountable means a big rattlesnake had found its way into the cart, and was wrapped about the neck of one of the large milk-cans. The fellow looked as if he were all ready to strike. That was an awful moment for Peter. "The cart was a little box of a place. The two cans filled up the front, and the driver's seat was well in the rear. A covering of black oilcloth shut the boy in. There was a narrow door-space on either side, but to be sure, had it happened, Peter had fastened down both the milk-cans. Secretary Carlisle's report could not be submitted to Congress until he returned but he kept on shooting. Lord Salisbury's note arrived but could not be made public until he got back. Everybody cursed him for his indifference to the public welfare and the national glory but he kept banging away at the desks. Congress and the people, Democrats, Republicans and Populists, were so sore, but he only laid down his gun, spit on his bait and caught a few fish. When he got good and ready he quit and came to Elizabeth City, shook hands and expressed the method of the members of the Methodist Conference, went on to Washington Sunday, wrote a couple of columns in breviter type Monday; had it read in Congress Tuesday and all the country threw up its hat for him Wednesday. As a peace, the best was to the Central Hotel, Charlotte, the market after hearing Mr. J. H. Myrover make a speech at a banquet over these one night. 'He ain't purty but he sho' is a honey.'"—Charlotte Observer.

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THE OPENING OF BILMORE.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 26.—George W. Vanderbilt, the youngest male member of the great New York family of millionaires, formally opened his country home near Asheville yesterday and Christmas was celebrated in royal style. All the immediate members of the Vanderbilt family now in this country are guests at Biltmore House. Among them are Mrs. Wm. Vanderbilt, mother of the owner of Biltmore, Mrs. Bromley, his aunt, Mrs. Kissam, Miss Kissam, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Steward Webb and their daughter and son, Cornelius Vanderbilt and family, W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., D. Sloane and family and others. All of these persons have come here in their own carriages and brought with them an army of servants.

For two weeks past G. W. Vanderbilt has personally directed a corps of carvers, joiners, decorators and florists in giving the finishing touches to the great mansion and it doubtless stands to-day, in connection with its surrounding park, as the most magnificent and costly of the most prominent peaks on the Asheville plateau, which boasts the highest point east of the Rocky Mountains. For two weeks provisions of all kinds have been arriving in car loads, confections in hundreds of pound packages, game, fish, fowl, all sorts of meats, great quantities of all kinds of produce, and all the demands for very large sums for boarding or for export, and with no certain means of replenishing it, except by sales of bonds, it is absolutely impossible to maintain the reserve at any fixed amount, and, therefore, responsible to the public, the Government has had to attempt to provide a circulating medium consisting of its own notes, redeemable in coin on presentation, and redeemable after redemption the Government has had to issue its own notes, in a business for which it is wholly unprepared, and which was never for a moment contemplated by its founders.

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