

AS IT SEEMS TO ME

BY A PRISONER OF HOPE

At first you wouldn't have noticed that he was young. All the manhood that first went out of him and he was a repulsive creature...

It was "circus day," and everybody had come. The crowd was emptying itself into the streets. It was to be a gala day of good times...

As he passed along he seemed to brush the smiles of the women's faces, and pitiful eyes followed him. Sometimes a sudden snicker and a turned-away a few laughed...

From the crowd a woman sprang and outstripped them. She was not a pretty woman, nor young, nor daintily dressed. Her body was bent...

The fallen creature was a loathsome object lying on the ground. Lower than a beast, more pitiful than any living thing. The woman bent over him, a living, breathing expression of God's compassion...

The laughing, jeering crowd is silenced when the old bent mother covers the sin of her boy with the magnificent charity of motherhood. Her eyes are opened to the clear true seeing of this one sinner...

There were people all about them, but to this woman they were as nothing. In the shadows of her ruined boy they were sadly wanting. She cared nothing for them...

Somebody bought an old buggy and they got him in and without a backward glance she drove away—the weak, bent woman and the mass of stupefied flesh that was her boy...

It seems to me that there is something superhuman in that strength, the endurance, the nature of a mother. It is beyond the human. The mother herself cannot understand it...

This mother-love is something distinctly apart from the character or nature of the individual woman. It uses her for one purpose. It controls her. She is a little vessel lost in an ocean of love...

Mother-love is all for the child, or for something that represents the child. The woman who exhibits it in its grandest form may astonish us by her lack of sympathy...

Any woman of natural instincts would follow her child, all withers. "If I were drowned in the deepest sea, I know whose love would come down to me. Mother of mine!"

Have you watched a mother's tireless care of a sick child? There wasn't physical strength in that slight body sufficient to meet the demand...

And yet, aside from a woman's relation to her child, is motherhood something? Is it a priceless jewel, not sometimes in base metal? Does it permeate a woman's nature with the holiness that belongs to it?

A little group of women was talking together, and they had chosen for their subject another woman who had forfeited her place among them. They were all mothers. Mothers of little babies and little babies...

The woman whose place could never again be among them was young, daintily young. She was somebody's daughter. She had fallen, and this little council of mothers was passing judgment upon her. They turned a sort of composite judge and jury and chief executioner...

by some other mother, or the girl who is in danger and, God pity her, motherless! The boy who falls to the earth when no embodied spirit of love and pity comes out from the crowd...

You simply have to keep yourself unapproached and unapproachable. You are afraid of casting your pearls before swine. I should not be afraid of your pearls being hurt...

I know a boy who was precious to more than one, and he fell. It was a fair fall, because the place in which his father had set him was clean and high. But he fell. Mother-love followed and failed. It falls so pitifully often...

In the pretty parlor with its dainty furnishings, she lowered and cast down, these returned Christian women sat together in judgment of another who had fallen low. There was no suggestion of angel wings...

When you look into your child's clear eyes you read there no prophecy of transgression. It is the child, it is that in danger, the other boy who is likely to fall. If harm comes by and by to this that is yours, it was the gift of some other and not of your child. Are we misers hoarding our treasure?

NEW POINT RAISED.

Church Leaders Have Apparently Failed to Realize the Importance of Certain Issues at Stake For the First Time in the Present Presidential Election—How Foreign Missions May Be Affected by Taft's Election.

Among the many voices now being raised in active opposition to the avowed opinions of the two presidential candidates as to those opinions would seem to militate against or adversely affect the interests represented by the observance of it is surprising not to hear an official protest from the entire Christian Church of America against the elevation of a Unitarian to the position of President.

Through the efforts of the Church, a large moneyed interest has been created to enable it to carry on a great missionary work in foreign fields among the heathen, those who deny the fundamental doctrine of Christianity, the doctrine of Christ. This large sum of money is placed in the hands of the Church with the understanding on the part of the contributors that it is to be held in trust for this work, and that it is to be managed in an honest, businesslike way...

When any man offers himself as a candidate at the highest seat in the council of the nation, every vested interest has a perfect right to argue as to how those interests will be affected by his election. That the great mission work of the Church is a vested interest cannot be denied—nor the fact that the creation of this trust carries with it obligations, which may not be avoided honorably, towards the army of laboring missionaries and their heathen charges on the one side, and the millions of contributors to this cause on the other. First, what is the object of mission work? To convert the world. Convert the world to what? An acceptance of an unqualified belief in Christ as God. How is this to be done?

By raising large sums of money from Christians and sending forth missionaries and sending forth teachers to the uttermost parts of the earth. Who holds this money in trust? The Church. What verdict does the world render as to a trust that receives funds for a certain purpose, and then proceeds to employ them in a manner wholly different from the purpose with which the funds were committed to its care? Need the answer be written? Is it a far stretch of imagination to claim, that the failure of the Church to register a public and solemn protest against the election of a Unitarian candidate to represent Christian nation before the world, would be the most disastrous blow that could possibly be given to the cause of foreign missions? When one nation seeks to serve another from the path of their destinies, who is, from their standpoint, one with them in denial of the truth of the "strange doctrine" being preached to them, will they not ask what part the Church has in the selection? When their able ambassadors, brilliant men, come to the aid of a Unitarian, the Church's effort to Christianize their land, like William, returns to their people, and with voice and pen tell them. These so-called followers of Christ have chosen to raise over their own land one who denies Christ, and they dare to vote in favor of that one! That you may believe it is best—that you may be misde?

Dare the Church add this burden to the heavy load of its mission workers? Will the amazing spectacle of the Christian Church of America with one hand trying to rescue the heathen from the darkness of error, and with the other helping by its absence and by the ballots of many of its officers and members to place in a position of highest power and most far-reaching influence one who gives the lie to its most sacred teaching, the work among the heathen had as well be closed, the "mission trust" be dissolved, and the call for money and teachers cease, in common honesty? Perhaps our own people may listen to and understand the political reasons as to why honor should be given regardless of the "faith," but to the heathen nations there will appear two flags in this fight, as far as the Church is concerned, one carried by an avowed follower of Christ; the other by an avowed disbeliever in Him.

Is the Church ready to answer their question, "Under which flag, Begonias?"

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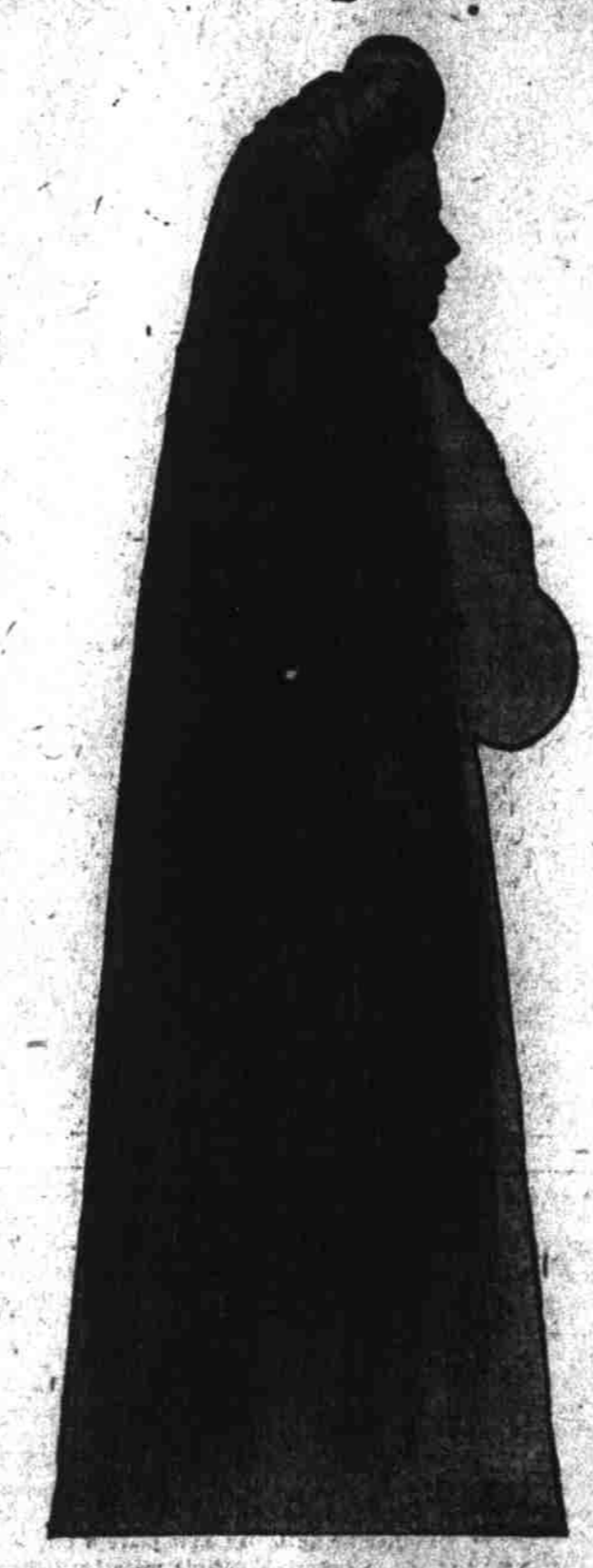
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