

Religious Liberty.

An essay read by Miss Jennie Lunsford, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. B. Lunsford, at the Sunday school conference held at Western chapel, Leicester circuit.

We who meet together in Sunday school regularly, week after week, the year round have little conception of the blessing of religious liberty. Perhaps some of you are ready to say that religious liberty is a subject for the statesman to consider, one upon which historians should write and not a proper theme for a Sunday school girl's essay; but if we look at the subject and examine it in all its bearings, we see at once that the young, and all who attend Sunday school, should be more interested in it than any other class of people; for the restriction of religious liberty means that the masses shall not meet and study the Bible for themselves.

It is that principle of freedom of conscience established in American constitutions that enables us to come out to Sunday school every Sunday. We come cheerfully and boldly, a happy band of children. We are accompanied by our friends and meet with the best people of our country to learn the religious truths taught in the Bible. We do all this approved by the Christian sentiment of our country and protected by the laws of our State. I am fearful that we do not appreciate all this as we should, for this was not always so, and it is not so now in all countries.

We of the present generation know nothing of the persecutions suffered by the early Christians. We do not suffer imprisonment as Paul did, or have to submit to the cruelties inflicted upon his followers. We stand in no danger of being beheaded as John of the Wilderness was; or of being sent to a lonely island as the other John.

The Bible gives us numerous instances of what was suffered by good people because the world denied them the privilege of worshipping God. I will repeat no more of them because we should learn all this part of the subject in our Sunday school lessons. We should read the scripture to learn what it cost to establish the Christian religion. This subject is too broad, it cannot be handled in a Sunday school girl's essay. Modern history of England, France, Germany, Sweden, in fact all the European countries, up to a few years ago, is nothing but a record of persecution and wars about religion.

We read of the massacre of St. Bartholemew in France, where 100,000 Huguenots, French Christians, were killed in one day and night. We read of what Luther had to undergo in establishing his principles of religious liberty. We read of the cruelties of "Bloody Mary" and the wickedness of Charles I. Of the Spanish inquisition and the other various cruelties practiced by the church at Rome.

When we consider all this we should be impressed with the idea that we, by experience, know nothing of the intolerant spirit of religious bigots. I must repeat again, the subject is too large. The only thing I can do in this essay is to invite your attention to the contrast between the bright skies and favorable auspices under which we meet, and the persecutions suffered by the Christians in earlier ages of the world.

We meet here to-day, before the eyes of the world, protected by the laws of our State. All is loveliness and song; we sing our hymns with gladness, and joyfully listen to the instruction of our teacher. This was not always so. Sunday school children were not always so favorably situated. About 120 years ago Hannah Ball, a Methodist girl, would gather a few children around her on Sunday morning in a little village in England to try to teach them some lessons from the scripture. As they would pass along the street they were insulted by the mob of idlers and jeered by the wicked boys of the street. In fact, it was almost impossible to give children full and free religious instruction.

Christian parents were compelled to meet in caves and barns and old waste houses in the dark hours of the night to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, and what instruction the children received had to be given not only quietly but secretly at home.

Our preachers of the different denominations go to their ap-

pointments under the protection of the laws and the sanction of public sentiment. Their appointments are published to the world; there is no secret understanding about it; there is no one to molest or make them afraid. It is our duty to meet them there, and when we meet, there is no danger of having them torn from us by officers of the law and imprisoned as, ministers were formerly treated in England, and even in parts of the United States. There is no danger of the congregation being scattered by the mob, the women abused and the children crippled. So, if we stay away from church or Sunday school it is for some other reason. I fear we stay away very often because we do not appreciate the blessing of religious liberty. Some times I am fearful there is another contrast, a contrast between our zeal and that of the Christians of one and two centuries ago. I do not like to seek for unpleasant ideas, but we should ask ourselves whether we have the fortitude of early Christians. Will we undergo as much for the cause of Christ as they underwent? Who is there at this day that would face the mobs as Whitfield and the Wesleys, and other early itinerant preachers did?

Is there a boy in our Sunday school who, when denied the use of the church house, would retire to the church yard and stand on his father's grave and preach to the people as John Wesley did?

Is there a girl in any of our Sunday schools with sufficient grace to gather up a number of children and teach them Christianity against the dictates of fashion and the frowns of public opinion as Hannah Ball did?

Or, who of us would do like Lady Huntington, that English lady of noble birth, who spent her life and immense fortune in the interest of church reform? She denied herself every earthly pleasure that wealth and titles of nobility could give and spent thousands of English pounds in building chapels and supporting ministers. All this was done against the popular sentiment of an intolerant and wicked nation. I am sorry to say that our own country has not always been free from the spirit of intolerance. You Methodist people know something of the trials undergone by Jesse Lee, the first presiding elder of New England. He was a native of this State. Bishop Asbury sent him to Boston at the close of the Revolution. He was denied the use of any and all churches; and when he retired to the elm tree on the outskirts of the city, his first congregation numbered only three.

He was afterwards insulted and mobbed by the Puritans, but he persisted in his work. Abbot had like trials in Pennsylvania, Harris in Maine and Garretson in New York.

Christianity has had to come up through trials and tribulations in the New World as elsewhere.

In justice to the South, I must say that persecution has been the exception and not the rule. In Virginia the different churches had some trouble before religious liberty was established by law, and this was probably so in North Carolina, but as a general thing religious liberty has always had a home in the South. The exception has been the fault of individuals, and not of the people in general. Intolerance has always been contrary to the spirit and sentiment of the masses of the Southern people.

The Methodist Historian says Asbury loved the South. It was here where he found that kind treatment and hospitality which was denied him in England. He found among our ancestors that liberality of thought which has been transmitted to us, crystallized into firm principles of religious liberty.

Let us forever maintain those principles, let us impress them on our young minds, that they may be to us a rule of action in after years. Let us not only demand religious liberty for ourselves, but grant it to others, and never forget that where religion is free the people are free. Let us transmit these sentiments to future generations that it may be said of us after we are dead:

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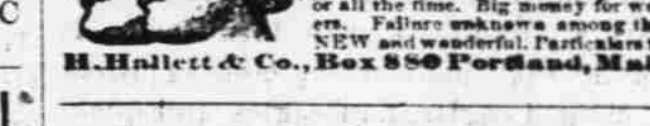
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