

"The Uncrowned Queen"

(Editor's Note: The following essay, written by William Eaker, of the Piedmont high school, was the prize winner in the recent S. I. M. C. Webb Essay contest for Cleveland county high schools.)

In the beginning God decreed that man should not exercise sole proprietorship over the world but that an immaculate creature embodied in flesh, the greatest gift that God could bestow or man receive, should reside with him to dispel the loneliness of his existence, to while away from him those instincts that characterize the brute and implant instead a finer, more tolerant sense of conduct.

So woman was placed here, a dependent, timid creature, inferior in strength but copious in character and soul, an ornament not to be despised, a flower that diffuses its perfume, till, like the mythological music of Orpheus, she has a multitude of worshippers to her holy shrine.

The triumphant march of woman began when she held in her arms the infant King in the star-lit manger of Bethlehem. The age preceding the coming of Christ, a period in literature of five hundred years celebrated as the golden age of thought, was the most brilliant of all the ages of antiquity. Philosophic thought had almost reached its zenith. It was an age of statesmen, philosophers, poets and artists; and age that gave to the world Plato; that heard the thundering eloquence of Demosthenes, and saw the Olympian Jupiter fresh from the hands of immortal Phidias. But with all its glory and its gifted men, woman was but a slave groping her way in darkness, until the star of Bethlehem arose and the pathetic voice of a world-redeemer broke the silence, and his word of love unchained a captive when he said, "Son behold your mother."

So powerful has been the influence of woman upon humanity, so assiduous has been her contributions to the greatest of institutions, the home, so munificent has been her gifts to tranquility among peoples, that she is set upon a pedestal and crowned with garlands symbolic of liberty and love. A thousand tongues sing a sweet anthem of praise, orators extol her virtues, and an admiring populace echo the tribute of the impassioned Roman when he cried, "the empire is at the fireside."

The changing scenes of life may hurl the genius of man from eminence to utter ruin, for his life hangs on the fabric of public opinion, but the sacred image of woman reigns queen in the hearts of nations forever. A glimpse into the pages of history will suffice to expose the beauty and heroism of illustrious woman.

We view a vast and malignant assemblage gathered at the foot of Mt. Tabor listening to divine admonition by the hoary oracles of invincible Israel. Suddenly upon the rocky vestibule the fair-haired prophetess, Deborah, appears and an impending silence ensues as she begins to speak. The magic words of this saintly soul, the voice of a lofty and animated vision stills a sullen multitude, and they retire in haste before her personality and her unanswerable logic, traits so peculiarly associated with this one of the greatest Bible women who ever lived.

The beautiful life of Ruth, the Moabitess, has been the theme for song and story. She was an intelligent and discriminating woman who made her own choices with a wisdom unusual to mortal man. Her attachment to Naomi is a high example of love that ran as a golden thread of beauty through her life, making her a true type of all unselfishly noble women.

We might turn to the more militant type of womanhood; in which all the beauty of passive piety is combined with holy zeal and loyalty to native land as she accomplishes deeds inconceivable to the mind of man unless that mind should have the "Faith that is able to remove mountains."

See Jeanne de Arc, unlettered, of peasant blood, bred in poverty and "rocked in the cradle of adversity," with her heavenly voices commanding her to free her country from the tyranny of the despicable despot, Henry the sixth. Behold the maid, clad in armor, with sword at side, bearing the sacred banner, raising the siege of Orleans and placing the ignoble Dauphin of France on a stable throne. What leader of France has prayed more fervently or borne more nobly the fleur-de-lis?

But let us leave, as a "dream that hath fled," ancient and mediaeval women, a great host of whom might be portrayed in all the loveliness of their natures, in all the might of their wisdom and in all the beauty of holiness. Permit me to give an example nearer in time and place.

A little more than thirty years ago, Dred Peacock, a man of ability, was president of a little, struggling college in this state—a college for women. With little or no endowment, with poverty of buildings, with scarcity of the right sort of teachers and with a fast decreasing clientele, obstacles seemingly unsurmountable loomed in a dark, lowering cloud and a sun

stared the institution in the face. The president resigned. The burden was placed on the shoulders of a pious, tender loving woman. Today Greensboro Female college with its influence permeating every nook and corner of the state, bringing light and life to almost countless families of the Carolinas stands as a monument to the untiring energy and the God-given wisdom of a woman.

Another whose name when mentioned stirs the soul of man to its depth and whose memory floats to us like sweet perfume of some woodland blossom, is our own, Frances Willard, who refused a life of luxury to plead the righteous cause of temperance to dormant peoples. She was eloquent, she was powerful, she was indefatigable, because she was a woman, and had by her side two mighty auxiliaries, God who is invincible, and truth which is immortal. O holy woman, "offspring of heavens first-born," we bow in silent reverence at thy sanctuary.

We have as a nation advanced in morality and catholicity with the exact rapidity with which we have given expression to the true genius of mothers. "The very name of mother has often called the wanderer from his path of vice; and, far away where myrtles bloom and palm trees wave, and the ocean sleeps upon coral strands, to the exile's fond fancy it clothes the naked rock, or stormy shores, or barren moor, or mournful height with charms he weeps to think of, and longs once more to see."

Cramer's Political Sun Has Set Now

Atle Carrillan Went Down Line For Hoover But "Big Three" Falled Him.

John A. Livingston, Washington correspondent of The Raleigh News and Observer, sends his paper the following story which will be of especial interest to readers in Mr. Cramer's home county, Gaston:

Stuart Cramer's political sun has set. The "Big Three" or North Carolina Republican politics still reign supreme in the close corporation, which is popularly known as the "Pie Counter Brigade."

The second of the "Big Three" is Congressman Charles A. Jonas, who is national committeeman, and the third is State Chairman Brownlow Jackson, who is United States Marshal for the Western District.

It is on record that State Chairman Jackson endorsed Cramer for a cabinet place and that the state executive committee gave its approval. All things that ought to have been on record that anybody in North Carolina Republican ranks went down the line for Cramer.

The powerful backing that Cramer had came from men like Col. Horace Mann and Claudius Huston, who are close to the Hoover throne and who worked behind the scenes in swinging four southern states to the Hoover column, and from national committeemen like Glenn Skipper, of Florida. Then there were the prominent western senators, like Borah, who wanted to see southern sectionalism wiped out of the Republican party.

Gardner For Lacy As Davidson Prexy

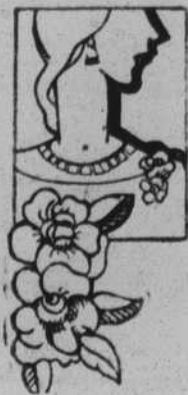
Raleigh News & Observer. "I see they are to have a new president of Davidson and I do not know of anything that is more completely none of my business, but if I had anything to do with it I should recommend Dr. Ben Lacy," observed Governor Gardner.

"I always think of Ben Lacy in connection with Davidson for I first met him when he was a member of the Davidson football team and I was playing against him. I formed a wholesome respect for him then, which has increased as I have watched his career as a preacher and as president of the Union Theological Seminary. I think Wake Forest was particularly fortunate when it secured Dr. Gaines as president and Davidson would do well to get Dr. Lacy, who is about the same age."

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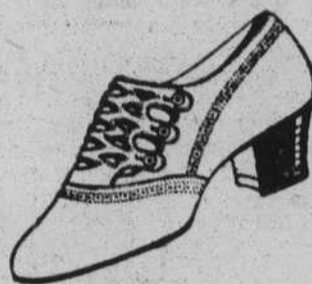
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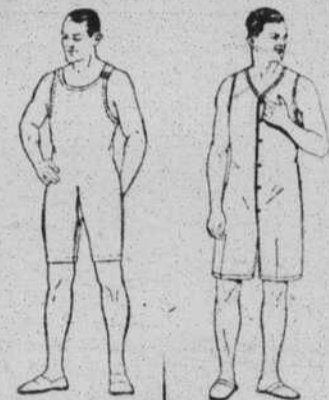
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