

THE WOMEN OF AMERICA.

A Lecture Delivered Last Evening by Rev. George W. Smiley, D. D., in the Church Corner of Eleventh and Wood Streets.

SPECIAL REPORT FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH. Last evening a large audience assembled in the church of the Rev. Dr. Smiley, corner of Eleventh and Wood streets, the occasion being a lecture, entitled "The Women of America," by that gentleman. The utmost attention prevailed, and when the lecturer uttered some of his most eloquent passages the audience were moved to tears.

Ladies and gentlemen, I feel happy to see so many of you here to-night. The ground upon which we are assembled is the ground of the formation of man, not man or sex, but man a species. Man was not the original name, but the appellative noun for the original species.

The mode of man's creation was wonderfully different from that of the other creatures. God created one person, Adam, but he created him wondrously both male and female in one. The history of the separation of man from the man, and the bringing of both together, and the recognition of them in marriage, is one of the most interesting subjects in the history of man.

Neither sex alone is the standard of human nature. At the commencement God made Adam male and female, but designedly made neither complete. He left a great void, that the two might coalesce into one and that combined one presents the perfection of the Divine design.

The entire constitution of man, organic, animal, sensual, reflective, rational, voluntary, and moral, was designed by a combination of the elements of man's organic, animal, sensual reflection—voluntary moral nature; and so strikingly true is this, that if you find anything that is peculiar to the one or the other, you find its counterpart in the other.

Man is, relatively counterpoised in the other. The second, weak, looks to the other for support and courage of the former for protection and support. He holds as the hawk, she soft as the dove. Jeremiah Taylor says, "Man is strong, woman is beautiful; man is daring and confident, woman is diffident and unassuming; man is great in action, woman in suffering; man shines abroad, woman at home; man talks, woman listens; woman to persuade and please; man is a rugged man, woman a soft and tender one; man perfects misery, woman relieves it; man is science, woman is music; man is a being of justice, woman of mercy." Milton gives a beautiful discrimination between them.

It appears to us that this matter can be easily solved by a single reflection. What more odious on earth than a bold, masculine woman? Nothing except it be a feminine man. A delicate, be-powdered, long pink colored gentleman, quivering a reflection of a moustache. (Laughter.) When either sex seeks to infringe or encroach on the other, the result is always inferiority, incongruity, and antagonism of race. A woman is not perfect for being like a man, and man is never perfect for resembling a woman.

In considering the history of woman, we shall divide the nations into three classes, the primitive nations, the derivative nations, and the Christian nations. By primitive nations we mean such nations as the Egyptian, the Egyptian, and the Hebrew. These nations received their knowledge and historical existence from a common source and a common period. Immediately subsequent to the date they seem to have had a knowledge of the arts and rude modes of society. The Paganism of that period had a common origin and a common philosophy.

The derivative nations are those whose origin commences at a much later and more obscure period, by colonization from the primary nations. The most remarkable of these are the classic nations—Greeks and Romans. Their knowledge of the arts and laws were more or less derived, at least in their rough elements, from the primitive nations, especially the Egyptian. The third form of civilization is Christian. The Christian is, to a certain extent, allied with the Hebrew form of primitive society, but in a great many things it is radically and effectually different. In barbarous nations and among the savage tribes, in every age, in every clime, woman has not only been subordinate, servile, but she has been the veriest slave—but little above the beast of burden. They were seized, carried off, and bartered for goods—degraded by polygamy—debased by sensuality.

The Assyrians had a novel way of disposing of their females. Once a year the most beautiful were put upon a block and sold. This means that portion of the population which were marriageable were married. In Egypt men were bound to speak well of them. In Greece women never rose up to the dignity of man. She was but a household drudge, and excluded from society. The laws of both the Greeks and Romans kept them in a state of servility, and treated them as beings without common sense. Mahomet gives women no place in Paradise.

The Jewish rabbis did not deem woman worthy of instruction. Just as a woman was debased and degraded, so was the race debased and degraded. If you want to know the condition of any age, all you want to find out is, what was the condition of the women of that age. Christianity sets her up on high. When Christ came forth from the grave victorious, the very first words spoken were "Woman, why weepst thou?" As much as to say, my Gospel means the lifting up of women; and they should both, man and woman, journey together.

Our theme particularly to-night is the women of America, and after all, America owes its discovery to a woman; and may we not accept this as an omen that is here in this country she is to find her fullest and freest expansion? I am in favor of giving every right to woman that is designed for her by nature and by nature's God. I wish it distinctly understood that I have no sympathy with equal rights associations.

We hear a great deal about universal suffrage in these days, and it is strongly urged that the right to vote ought to be extended to women. Will it be so? What then? What will be the consequence? A right to vote for office implies a right to hold office. And what then? Go into your city and look at the political blackguardism when parties are aroused, and then look at the politicians, the office-seekers, I mean not the politician, but the politician, look at him—a toady sycophant, double-faced and hypocritical. Ask yourselves, would you have woman step down into that seething, sweating vat of corruption? Would you have her pouring her modest worth, her angelical sweetness and purity, the true and benign influences that she exerts, let her remain in her proper sphere, it is against the law of God for woman to rule. The Bible says—"Man must rule." I have no sympathy with those who would take a woman out of her feminine sphere to put her in a masculine one.

The speaker then referred to marriage. He said that unhappy marriages often result from a too short acquaintance, and related a great many anecdotes of married persons, which excited a great deal of laughter. There are often very bad marriages, such as marriages for money. The speaker had heard an anecdote of a man down South who married a rich widow with a large number of slaves. When the minister asked him if he would take the widow to be his wife, he astonished all by saying, "Yes, and the negroes too!"

The man who marries a woman merely for wealth will find in the long run that he has made a terrible bargain. His life will be one of gilded misery, and in old age will be like the creak on the black side of a dead mule, where the cold and chilly moonbeams sometimes glitter, and where no sunlight ever falls; where no radiant blossoms bloom, but where the storm winds whip up the evening, terrible storms will be heard the strange voice of God, saying "Your garments are moth-eaten, your gold and silver are eaten, and it is against you, and you shall eat your flesh as will fire." There are a number of elements that go to make up the sum of woman's influence, three of which simply operate as a power, but in the other, in eight cases out of ten, is irresistible. The first of these is modesty. The quiet, unobtrusive gentleness of woman is a centre of nobility interest.

Then comes in purity, gentleness, kindness, cheerfulness—each one by itself exhibits the excellent of female influence. These gentle affections, which are the virtues which are to be open flower. The speaker then referred to Washington, and said it was his mother's training that made him such a good man; and that in general would be surprised at the results. The goal of yesterday is the resting-place to-day, and the starting point to-morrow. The career of Washington is onward and upward, like the flight of the eagle towards the sun, until by the almost universal acclamation of his countrymen he is elected the President of the very Republic that his generosity has won. Woman in America is different from woman everywhere else. Ask the travellers who wander through the most enlightened parts of Europe, how woman here compares with woman there, and they tell you woman on the average in America is immeasurably inferior in her better qualities. She is better treated, has a better home, is more respected, and has less of the primary curse resting upon her.

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Yesterday about 9 o'clock, a man was seen to leap from about the middle of the Cincinnati and Covington Bridge into the river. He went down feet foremost and struck upon a mass of ice, which he temporarily buoyed him up until assistance could reach him. A yawl, belonging to the General Bull, was manned and went to his relief, and after some difficulty in getting through the ice, succeeded in rescuing him from his perilous position and bringing him ashore. He was not injured sufficiently to prevent his walking up town. He is a German, and said to be a beer saloon keeper in Covington. We could not obtain his name. He was evidently delirious from drink, and jumped from the bridge in that frenzy of which the whole beverage of the present day so readily engender. The leap severed him a good deal, as a fall of seventy-five or eighty feet might well be supposed to do. So much ice water with whisky cannot be good.

Later—When the man learned the name of the desperate man, it is John Hauptman. His wife ordered his arrest, on some trivial charge, and he concluded to escape her clutches by leaping into the river. As soon as he was taken to the shore, he was arrested, and this morning we saw him calm as a summer morning on the prisoner's bench of the Police Court; but up to the hour we left the room, his case had not been called.

P. S.—Since the above was written, we learn that Hauptman was tried before Judge Warren, and "sent down stairs."—Cincinnati Times, 5th.

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