

A WORK FOR WOMEN.

Dr. Talmage's Stirring Sermon on "The Queens of Home."

Heroines of the Fireside and the Battlefield - Ministering Angels - What Her Chief Desire Should Be.

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In this discourse the opportunities of usefulness for women are set forth by Dr. Talmage, and many sympathies are stirred and memories recalled. The text is Solomon's Song 6, 8: "There are three score queens."

So Solomon, by one stroke, set forth the imperial character of a true Christian woman. She is not a slave, not a hireling, not a subordinate, but a queen. In a former sermon I showed you that crown and courtly attendants and imperial wardrobe were not necessary to make a queen, but that graces of the heart and life will give coronation to any woman.

In the first place woman has the special and the superlative right of blessing and comforting the sick. What land, what street, what house, has not felt the smitings of disease? Tens of thousands of sickbeds! What shall we do with them?

Oh, woman, in our hours of ease, Uncertain, coy and hard to please, When pain and anguish wring the brow, A ministering angel thou!

I think the most pathetic passage in all the Bible is the description of the lad who went out to the harvest field of Shunem and got sunstruck—pressing his hands on his temples and crying out: "Oh, my head! My head!"

It is an awful thing to be ill away from home in a strange hotel, once in awhile men coming in to look at you, holding their hand over their mouth for fear they will catch the contagion. How roughly they turn you in bed. How loudly they talk. How you long for the ministries of home.

In our civil war men cast the cannon, men fashioned musketry, men cried to the hosts: "Forward, march!" men hurried their battalions on the sharp edges of the enemy, crying: "Charge, charge!"

It seems as if the Lord had ordained woman for an especial work in the solicitation of charities. Backed up by barrels in which there is no flour, and by stoves in which there is no fire, and by wardrobes in which there are no clothes, a woman is irresistible.

Again, I remark it is a woman's right to bring to us the kingdom of Heaven. It is easier for a woman to be a Christian than for a man. Why? You say she is weaker. No. Her heart is more responsive to the pleadings of Divine love.

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and Scripture texts and gentle strolings of the hot temples and stories of that land where they never have any pain. Men knelt down over the wounded and said: "On which side did you fight?" Women knelt down over the wounded and said: "Where are you hurt? What nice thing can I make for you to eat? What makes you cry?"

Again, woman has a special right to take care of the poor. There are hundreds and thousands of them all over the land. There is a kind of work that men cannot do for the poor. Here comes a group of little barefoot children to the door of the Dorcas society.

O Christian young woman, if you would make yourself happy and win the blessing of Christ, go out among the destitute. A loaf of bread or a bundle of socks may make a homely load to carry, but the angels of God will come out to watch and the Lord Almighty will give His messenger hosts a charge, saying: "Look out for that woman; canopy her with your wings and shelter her from all harm."

Can you tell me why a Christian woman going down among the haunts of iniquity on a Christian errand never meets with any indignity? I stood in the chapel of Helen Chalmers, the daughter of the celebrated Dr. Chalmers, in the most abandoned part of the city of Edinburgh.

Some one said: "I dislike very much to see that Christian woman teaching those bad boys in the mission school. I am afraid to have her instruct them."

It will be told and struggle and suffering all the way up. You will have to stand at your door fighting back the wolf with your own hand, red with carnage. But God has a crown for you. I want you to realize this morning that He is now making it, and whenever you weep a tear He sets another gem in that crown.

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the soul is immortal; there is a man who will deny it. I may stand here and say we are lost and undone without Christ; there is a man who will contradict it. I may stand here and say there will be a Judgment day after awhile; yonder is some one who will dispute it. But a Christian woman in a Christian household, living in the faith and consistency of Christ's Gospel—nobody can refute that.

I speak to women who have the eternal salvation of their husbands in their right hand. On the marriage day you took an oath before men and angels that you would be faithful and kind until death did you part, and I believe you are going to keep that oath, but after that parting at the grave will it be eternal separation?

Are there not some of you who have kindly influences at home? Are there not some who have wandered far away from God who can remember the Christian influences in their early home? Do not despise those influences, my brother. If you die without Christ, what will you do with your mother's prayers, with your wife's importunities, with your sister's entreaties?

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INSURGENT PROPOSAL.

Filipino Rebels Offer to Release American Prisoners.

THEY ALSO WANT A CONFERENCE.

Military Operations, However, Will Not Be Restrained, as the Proposed Conference May Be Another Trick of the Insurgents to Gain Further Time.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Secretary Root yesterday received a cablegram from General Otis that seemed to indicate a weakening on the part of the insurgents in Luzon. It contained a proffer to deliver the American prisoners, who have been for so many months in the hands of the insurgents, and also sought permission to parley with General Otis.

This cablegram was at once taken by Secretary Root over to the cabinet meeting and formed the main topic of discussion at the beginning of the session. However, upon reading the message carefully its apparent importance seemed to diminish. Secretary Root himself did not regard the matter as of importance at this time. He recalled frequent efforts on the part of the insurgents in the past to gain time at critical moments by opening negotiations, ostensibly with the object of making peace, and he was not sure but this last offer was something of the same kind. However, the secretary was of the opinion that it would fail to afford the insurgents any advantage. General Otis would receive any messenger and listen to him and make answer to his proposals, but this would not restrain the military operations in the slightest degree and the American arms would lose no ground, no matter how the negotiations turned out.

It is pointed out as a noticeable fact that Aguinaldo's name does not appear in General Otis' dispatch, and though this may not be of great significance still among some of the army officers it is surmised that there are serious dissensions among the insurgents and that perhaps some of the disordered elements are acting on their own responsibility.

The capture of Lieutenant Gilmore and his party was one of the most stirring incidents of the insurrection. It occurred while the cruiser Yorktown was making a survey of the western coast of Luzon, with a view to locating some of the detached Spanish garrisons which had been long cut off from the populous centers. It was known that a Spanish garrison had been surrounded at Baler, on the eastern coast, and Lieutenant Gilmore, with a boat's party from the Yorktown, was sent ashore to reconnoiter the surrounding country. He divided his command, one party remaining near the shore, while another pushed inland. This was the last heard of the lieutenant and the 15 men who accompanied him. The other members of the party waited for a long time, but got no trace of their companions, and finally were obliged to return to the ship without them.

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Captain Charles M. Rockefeller, of the Nineteenth infantry, is also supposed to be a prisoner with the insurgents. He disappeared last April, and no trace of him has been discovered.

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Vice President Hobart at Paterson. Paterson, N. J., Sept. 20.—Vice President Hobart left his summer home at Norwood Park, near Long Branch, for his winter home in Paterson yesterday, arriving last evening. He was accompanied by his wife and by his family physician, and said that he felt as well as could be expected.

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