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**WOMAN'S EMANCIPATION.**

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

Had I at my command the fabled horn of Gabriel, whose blast is to summon earth's myriad dead on resurrection morn, I would be tempted to mount high Olympus, crown this hour and proclaim to all the world the emancipation of woman-kind.

Until that hour strikes in which the womanhood of the world is freed from economic and political slavery this earth can never know the meaning of liberty.

In its final analysis, every burden, every wrong, every injustice of our so-called civilization rests at last its crushing weight upon the womanhood of the world.

For many centuries this condition has obtained. Man has been born of woman enslaved, and he has, in turn, suffered enslavement.

The most glorious feature of the present world-wide revolution and its most potent feature for the weal of mankind is the millions upon millions of women who have bravely and boldly shattered the social and economic shackles of the ages and who are inviting their sisters of every State and clime to join with them in demanding their freedom and enfranchisement.

With the power and responsibility of the ballot will come a mental awakening such as the womanhood of the world has never known.

Intelligent consideration and discussion of the mighty problems of this age will become a part of the mental life of every man and woman, to the great and permanent profit of the race.

Once unlocked the fetters that for countless ages have cramped and warped and starved the soul of woman and you have opened the very door of heaven.

The political enfranchisement and the economic freedom of woman means the birth of a race of freemen.

No event in the upward, onward, Godward course of the race was ever fraught with such portentous meaning as is the emancipation of the womanhood of the world.

And the Socialists of the world will welcome their sisters in revolt. With souls aflame and hearts aflame we face the rosy dawn of a new civilization, and we welcome woman's emancipation as the harbinger of the glad new day.

**RACE IS ENDANGERED BY PROSTITUTION.**

Starting statements concerning prostitution were made by Vernon M. Cady, lecturer of the American Federation of Sex Hygiene.

Cady declared that there are 300,000 registered white slaves in this country, and that the police of the various cities estimated that there are 1,000,000 more not registered. He declared that every moment's delay in not stamping out the white slave traffic was not only costly to society today, but to the human race of the future. He threw upon the screen a table showing how Americans spend their money, \$3,000,000,000 going annually through white slavery, social diseases and immorality in general. Other principal expenditures of the American people are given as follows:

Intoxicating liquors, \$2,000,000,000; tobacco, \$1,200,000,000; jewelry and ornaments, \$800,000,000; automobiles, \$500,000,000; church work at home, \$250,000,000; soft drinks, 120,000,000; tea and coffee, \$100,000,000; millinery, 20,000,000; patent medicines, \$80,000,000; chewing gum, 13,000,000; foreign missions, \$12,000,000. In placing the cost of prostitution at \$3,000,000,000, Cady did not include the cost of care of the sick, blind, insane, paralytic or the expense of infant funerals, which he declared result from immorality. Cady made a strong protest against

the common ignorance in matters of sex hygiene, declaring that the time is fast coming when such ignorance in either sex will not be regarded as innocence.

"By attempting to evade or conceal the facts regarding the transmission of life, parents only drive their children elsewhere to learn what they curiously wish to know," said Cady, "and such knowledge acquired from others is nearly always wrong, and for the most part, terribly expensive to the future of the child and its progeny through generations."

Cady outlined methods by which parents could give their children what he deemed necessary sex instruction without endangering their morals or offense to society.

**VOTES FOR WOMEN.**

WOMEN AND POLITICS.

Butte, Montana has recently seen a demonstration of women in practical politics. Mrs. W. W. Atwater, wife of a mining engineer, almost single-handed threw out a Board of Education which hadn't given an accounting in 16 years.

"The School Board of Butte was a Secret Society, which re-elected itself and wouldn't account for \$400,000 or \$500,000 which it spent every year," said Mrs. Atwater, "and nobody would take the trouble to remedy this condition except our Suffrage Club. Coal was sold to the schools by one of the board members at a fancy price and there were other more obscure rackets. Such a hold did the board have on the town and newspapers that we could not even buy advertising space to publish our facts. So we appealed to the women who have the School franchise in Montana to oust the Board and they responded by defeating the whole corrupt ticket."

Now, having shown what we can do even with limited suffrage to improve the community, we are looking to the clean men of Montana to vote us into full citizenship in November, 1914."

**THE ONLY WOMAN'S SENATOR.**

Hon. Helen Ring Robinson, State Senator of Colorado, and Chairman of the Educational Committee of the Senate, has been lecturing throughout Pennsylvania on her recent Eastern trip. In speaking of women as office holders she said:

"Colorado has equal suffrage for 19 years and the lower branch of the legislature has had several women members who have been noted for championship measures presented by Women's Clubs and similar organizations to better conditions for working women and to safeguard children. But, at the end of the session, the women found their pet bills so altered in the Senate, as to be unrecognizable, so they determined to elect a woman Senator to protect their bills from emasculating amendments in the upper house."

Mrs. Robinson, formerly an editorial writer and book-reviewer for the Denver News, and a woman deeply interested in improving the conditions for working women and children, was selected at the best qualified woman for the position.

There were no primary conventions in Colorado last year; all nominations were made by petition and no other petition carried as many signatures as that for the nomination of Mrs. Robinson. Her election followed a vote in which party lines were disregarded.

**THE FLY AND THE BALLOT.**

A well known editorial writer in one of Pennsylvania's leading dailies makes an urgent appeal to the Women's Clubs to lend a hand in the Municipal Spring Cleaning.

"Get ordinances passed for the screening of foodstuffs, the chemical treatment and removal of manure, etc. but do not think because you have an ordinance that it will enforce itself. Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom from filth and flies. If the magistrates refuse to impose fines for proved violations, make it uncomfortable for them. If the health officer is lukewarm in the prosecution of offenders, make his position unpleasant too."

"It's all very simple if you are in earnest" but, we women who have tried it would add, "it's far simpler if you have the ballot."

**FOR DIVORCE.**

Two new divorce proceedings were instituted in the Somerset court. In one Bertha B. Renshaw, through her attorney, Aaron C. Holbert, Esq., seeks a separation from her husband, Arnold S. Renshaw. Wilbur L. Davis through his attorney, John G. Ogle, asks the court to free him from his wife, Jane W. Davis. In the divorce case of Michael Ronyecs, against Mary Ronyecs, the Court has appointed Ernest O. Kooser master to take testimony.

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**INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

(By F. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

**LESSON FOR JUNE 8**

**JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BRETHERN**

LESSON TEXT—Gen. 45:1-15. GOLDEN TEXT—"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Ps. 133:1.

No story of the Old Testament is fraught with greater dramatic interest than that which is presented today. Let us get the setting of the picture. An opulent oriental court; that man who next to Pharaoh exercised more power than any congress or assembly, and into whose hands had been placed the destinies of a kingdom by earthly power and the outworking of the plan of redemption by a divine power. Servants, power, resources, all at Joseph's command. Before him his brothers who long ago gave him up as being dead. Outside a great calamity resting upon the people, and none prepared to meet it except these of Egypt whose provision was the result of the work of this man of God. (1 Tim. 4:8). Before this man, as humble supplicants, we see those who "entreated him despitely." Judah's speech was a revelation to Joseph, it satisfied him, and what need, therefore, for further delay in revealing himself in his true character?

**Saving Love.**

I. Revelation, vv. 1-3.—Excluding all from his presence, saving his brethren, Joseph gave full vent to his joy and rejoicing. "I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?" Their astonishment was so great as to leave them speechless, and again hearing memories condemn them to fear and forbidding for they were "troubled in his presence." We have here a beautiful picture of forgiveness and saving love. The exaltation of Jesus was to give repentance to Israel through the forgiveness of sins. Acts 5:31. Even so did Joseph bring repentance to his brothers and forgiveness of their wrongs toward him 20 years before. Joseph's severe dealings with his brothers aroused them to a full recognition of their evil deeds and prepared them to receive his pardon and forgiveness.

But the cup is full, no longer can he restrain himself, and with a loud voice, so loud that it could be heard without, he cried "I am Joseph." Small wonder that at such a proclamation by him whom they had so grievously wronged, "they were troubled." So shall it be when the brethren of Jesus shall "look upon him whom they have pierced," Zeck. 12:10.

II. Reconciliation, vv. 4-8.—The greatness of Joseph is here revealed in a clear, true light. He interprets to his brothers their own actions with all that God has involved in it, which must have been a great surprise to his brothers. Joseph does not wait for them to fall at his feet and sue for mercy, but seeks to allay their fears, "Come near to me I pray you." These who by their wicked works were rightfully alienated from him are invited to draw nigh, Col. 1:21 and Matt. 11:28.

**Joseph's Grace.**

Joseph was as one who was dead and out of that came life for those of his own family as well as those outside. Even so God has brought life to many out of the death of Jesus, working salvation for all out of the most colossal and infamous crime ever perpetrated—the crucifixion. Joseph was "sent" (v. 7), to save these very ones (John 1:11). It was a "great deliverance," see Heb. 1:3. Here, again, we see Joseph's intimate relations with God, "It was not you that sent me hither, but God." That is the right way to look at life, Rom. 8:28.

III. Proclamation, vv. 9-15.—The news of this meeting came to Pharaoh, vv. 2, 16, with the result that he commanded Jacob and all of his household to be brought into Egypt. Having received good things themselves, they are commanded to go with haste, and tell others, Matt. 28:7. The first call is always "come" (v. 4), and that is always followed by the command of "go" (v. 9). Joseph was not ashamed of his old father and his brothers in the days of his prosperity, and added that when they should dwell in Egypt they were to be "near unto me," see Phil. 1:23, John 14:3. When the brothers reached Jacob and told him that Joseph was alive and exalted in Egypt he could not believe them, and his heart fainted. Can we be surprised? Yet conviction was at hand in the shape of the wagons laden with the rich spoil of Egypt, vv. 21, 27, 28. Again God appears to Jacob, 46:2, 3, and adds the assurance of his own word.

Lessons of the Lesson.—The greatness of Joseph's character is revealed in the hour of the fulfillment of his dreams—tears, not vindictiveness, manifest the condition of his heart. Jacob recognizes God's great plan, and that its outcome is an evident blessing for others as well as for himself. There is no evidence of pride as Joseph interprets God's dealings, as in Christ. This lesson is the reverse of the usual order in that the lesson illustrates the golden text rather than the text illuminating the lesson.

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**CHURCH SERVICES.**

Methodist Episcopal church service, Rev. G. A. Neeld pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:30.

Church of the Brethren—Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Christian Workers Meeting at 6:30 p. m. Bible Class, Saturday evening, 7:30 p. m. Teacher Training classes meet Monday evening 7 and 8 o'clock, respectively. Sunday School Workers' Meeting, Friday evening, 30th inst., at 7:30.

SS. Philip and James Catholic church, Rev. J. J. Brady, pastor.—Mass next Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

At the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday School at 3:00 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:45 p. m.

Brethren Church—H. L. Goughnour, pastor.—Preaching Services in the morning and Sunday school at the usual hours in the Meyersdale church. In the afternoon at 1:30. Sunday school will be held in the Summit Mills church, followed at 2:30 by an address by Rev. Sawtelle, a representative of the Anti-Saloon League. Rev. Sawtelle will speak in the Meyersdale church in the evening. All are cordially invited to be present at all these services.

St. Paul, Wilhelm Reformed charge E. S. Hassler pastor. Next Sunday, Childrens Day will be observed with a special service by the Sunday school and congregation. The regular session of the Sunday school is at 9:30 and the Childrens Day service at 10 a. m. A special offering will be made, and everybody is invited.

Evangelical church, Rev. L. B. Ritzenhouse pastor—Prof. C. J. Potts, of Altoona, will speak in the Evangelical church Sunday evening at 7:45, in the interests of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. Prof. Potts comes recommended as a strong speaker. The public is cordially invited to hear him. Prof. Potts will speak in the Glencoe Evangelical church, Sunday morning at 10:30. You are invited.

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H. J. Dickinson, card; W. H. Bointor, card; Mike Joyce, 2 cards; B. B. Bictoria, card; Miss Pearl Williams, card; Chas. Williams.  
May 31, 1913. J. F. NAUGLE, P. M.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

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Senator Boies Penrose visited the State Legislature for the first time in sixteen years, conferring with his lieutenants from various parts of the State. The incident is considered the launching of the Penrose candidacy for reelection and defiance to former Senator William Flinn, who has been here repeatedly of late directing the anti-Penrose forces in the Legislature. Senator Penrose declared unequivocally for the nomination of candidates for United States Senator by direct vote.

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