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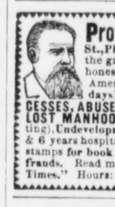
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Taking his text from I Cor., vii, 7—"But every man hath his proper gift of God; one after this manner and made after that"—Rev. Charles W. Boot, assistant minister of Ascension Protestant Episcopal Church, said in part:

"The sixteenth century was one of reformation, the seventeenth of colonization, the eighteenth of liberty, the nineteenth of science and the twentieth would possibly be distinguished as the century of women's organizations, for the development of the faculty of social organization in women was one of the most marvelous movements of any age. There are Biblical precedents for great individual efforts of women, such as Phœbe and Dorcas, but widespread organizations of women signalized the dawning era. In face, therefore, of such a fact we address a warning note to girlhood—the women, mothers, leaders of the future.

"I will say my say in one word—the word my, a good, old fashioned possessive pronoun, which just expresses the thought which I wish to emphasize, viz. possessive pronouns are pronouns of responsibility.

"The moment we say 'my' we incur a responsibility—my home, my school, my church, etc. Every 'my' implies a responsibility, the responsibility of possession. Myself, self-possession; my sex, womanhood; my appearance, (my face, my dress); my health, my faults, my neighbor."

Enlarging in a way all his own upon these lines, and with rapid speech, anecdote and illustrations intermingling, Mr. Boot made a powerful appeal.

"Self-conquest," he said, "is the primary test of my fitness for any other responsibility. Whoever else is responsible for me, I am responsible for myself. In a sense we are our own to do as we like with, to will ourselves away in self-destruction to the lowest, or to offer ourselves in self consecration to the highest. Oh, the power of a great affection!

"Sex has a distinct place in the divine order and it has one supreme responsibility—influence; my influence upon my own sex and upon the other. I have a responsibility toward them all—the responsibility of a girl's influence.

"If, like Faust, a man will degrade himself for Margaret, like Dante he will uplift himself for Beatrice.

"Appearance—face, dress! It is said that 'earth has no greater lie than a woman's face.' I don't believe it. Of course there are faces like Milady's, in Dumas' 'Three Musketeers,' which do tell ignoble lies, and there are faces which tell noble lies, which, in spite of pain, worry, heartache, are so controlled as

"To wear upon the brow no trace
of more than common care,
To show no secret in the face
That men may read it there.

"Thank God for such faces. A woman's face is the true story of a woman's life.

"Dress and spirit, clothes and character. My clothes affect my character. Isn't it true?

"My health; I am responsible for it. God wants it. He wants you at your healthiest and best, when your body is strongest and fairest. Don't risk the future for the sake of getting rid of the present. Do nothing as a girl that you will be sorry for some time as a woman. Health is God's gift to you. It must be your great gift to God.

"My faults I am responsible for, or for most of them. It is mean to shirk them.

"My neighbor, now remember upon the well-doing of each depends the well-doing of all. It is grand because it banishes forever that disabling loneliness—that nobody cares! Nobody cares so often leads to 'I don't care.'

"Ah, many a one is longing for words
that are never said,
And many a one is hungering for something better than bread."

ONE OYSTER FEEDS 75 MEN.

Monster Bivalve Lately Taken From Niagara River, Near Buffalo, N. Y.

A most remarkable oyster has recently been taken from the Niagara river by two Buffalo fishermen.

The shell alone without the meat, weighs 212 pounds, and is two feet eight inches across and 19 inches broad. It contained 50 genuine pearls, says a report from that city.

That it might be proven that this wonderful tale was no "fish story" the oyster was placed on exhibition for a week at a Buffalo saloon where the public was bidden to come and see it.

The meat was cooked and made into a stew, which filled to the brim two eight-quart pails. Seventy-five men partook of the repast it furnished.

The fishermen made the find when their net caught on a snag af some sort and was held fast. As the water was shallow not more than waist deep, one of them jumped from the boat to investigate and found the net attached to what seemed a big rock.

It was covered with a white substance resembling lime, and its peculiar appearance induced the fishermen to take it ashore with them. There, when it was washed off, they discovered, to their amazement, that they had a mammoth oyster.—Ex.

ORIGIN OF THE COAL STRIKE.

In the first place, there was absolutely no reason for a strike. It will be remembered that, at the outset, the laborers made no demand whatever; they simply asked that a conference be held to arrange the schedule of prices and other conditions for the ensuing year. That course had previously been adopted. At the close of the strike of 1900, they agreed to that method. It was very satisfactory; and the agreement terminated on April 1, 1902. A very sensible, commonplace act, therefore, was for both parties to meet, and either confirm the old agreement, or arrange a new one for the future. The request for a conference was an ordinary, rational procedure, which nothing but a disposition to create a disturbance could refuse. Yet the railroads all rejected the proposition, and while the president of each railroad made a personal reply, the tone and, very largely the language, of the communications were identical, showing that the letters had all been written or revised by the same hand. In these letters, railroad presidents refused to confer with the men through their organization, while claiming to be willing to "deal justly and fairly by them (the laborers) and give every man fair compensation for the work he performed." In short, the operators insisted on being sole arbiters of both sides of the contract. In accordance with this idea, a few days later they posted notices at their respective collieries, stating that "the rate of wages now in effect will continue until April 1, 1902, and thereafter will be subject to 60 day's notice." This was well calculated to create a rupture and it is difficult to interpret this action in any other light than that it was purposely designed to produce that result. Had there been the slightest element of fairness, or respect for the common right of the laborer to make a contract, or the desire to maintain industrial peace, such arbitrary action could not and would not have been taken. This left the laborers no alternative but to forego all right eventually to participate in bargain-making, regarding their own conditions, or to make a specific demand and strike for it.—*Gunton's Magazine.*

Remarks From Lady Somerset.

(From the New York Mail and Express.)

I am really ashamed to tell the American people in what a deplorable state the United Kingdom is. It has become a nation of drunkards.

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I would rather have the soul of the worst drunkard in the world than the soul of any of those men who make them.

I do not see how Mrs. Nation can expect to redeem drunkards through the system which she employs.

One cannot mold or regulate laws by breaking them.

I advise everybody to give up liquor, but I will not attempt to pound them into following my advice.

If Mrs. Nation went to England and attempted to remove by force a cigar from a smoker's mouth she would come under the law immediately.

Those who say that the canteen is better within the ranks have an axe to grind.

SAVE THE BOYS OF THE LAND.

In punishing a saloonkeeper for selling whiskey to a boy Justice Crutchfield, of Richmond, took occasion to make the statement that a child is hardly out of dresses before it can buy cigarettes. "I might as well state now," said his Honor, "that I would like to give some of this same medicine to the dealers who sell to children."

Every community needs a Justice Crutchfield. In the smallest villages, as well as in the largest cities, the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors is flagrantly violated thousands of times each day. Little boys and big boys buy cigarettes when they want them and "no questions asked."

In the insane asylums, in silent white shafts in cemeteries and wandering aimlessly on the face of the globe we see frightful human testimony and horrible demonstrations of the wisdom of those who framed the anti-cigarette laws.

A law which has for its office the protection of the youth of the land upon whom the responsibilities of the future government of this great Republic rest, should have the moral support of the people.

Boys are the hope of the land. The Government cannot be run by men who, in youth, have dissipated their energies and stunted their mental development by puffing away at the miserable cigarettes sold to them by unscrupulous dealers who place Mammon on a pedestal in the temple of their own minds even above God and humanity.—*Norfolk Dispatch.*

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