

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

CHRISTIANITY AND WOMEN

By Robert E. Speer, in Sunday School Times.

Christianity is the one religion which has taught the equality of woman with man, produced the unique institution of the Christian home, and set the child as a matter of social and religious principle in the first place. "To children," as Uhlhorn says in "The Conflict of Christianity with Heathenism," "the gospel first gave their rights. They, too, in antiquity were beyond the pale of the laws. A father could dispose of his children at will. If he did not wish to rear them, he could abandon or kill them. The law of the Twelve Tables expressly awarded to him this right. Plato and Aristotle approved of parents' abandoning weak and sickly children whom they were unable to support, or who could not be of any use to the state. Whoever picked up a child who has been deserted could dispose of it and treat it as a slave. The father's power over his children was limitless; life and death were at his disposal. Christianity, on the contrary, taught parents that their children were a gift from God, a pledge entrusted to them, for which they were responsible to Him. It spoke not merely of the duties of children, but also of the duties of parents; and since it invested these, as representatives of God, with something of His majesty and honor, it appointed to them the lofty task of educating their baptized offspring as children of God, and for His kingdom."

The non-Christian religions, including Old Testament Judaism, have been polygamous religions. Christianity is the one uncompromising monogamous religion. Therefore it has been the great creator of home. Divorce which in our time threatens the home is not a Christian institution. It is certain that our Lord never sanctioned it for more than one cause, unfaithfulness, and it is not certain that He sanctioned it at all.

"GOING A PIECE"

By Strickland Gillilan

Always, when I went away—
Were it night or were it day—
You would "go a piece" with me
To the corner maple-tree;
Or, if I were going far,
Where I'd catch my depot car,
You have never known how sweet,
Till I hurried home again
Did this memory remain!

Through the travel loneliness
Life was never pure distress;
Never did my cup seem all
Filled with wormwood and with gall.
No, for everywhere I went—
Homesick ever, as you know—
Pining was with loving blent.
For it comforted me so,
When my heart looked back, to see
You had "gone a piece" with me.

When my last trip I take—
Lagging, for my loved-ones' sake—
Faring forth into the murk,
All the phantom shapes that lurk
In the darkness round my way
Will be terrorless if I
(When the others come to say
Through their transient tears,
"Goodbye")
In that twilight hour, may be
Sure you'll "go a piece" with me!

RULES FOR LIVING

1. I will not be provoking, if I know it.
2. I will not be provoked, if I can help it; or, if I am, I will not speak till I think it over, putting myself in the other fellow's place.
3. I will not be petty. I will pass over small offenses and small annoyances without fuss or comment.
4. I will not insist on my way because it is my way. If the other fellow's is about as good, I'll take it.
5. I will say what I think, and then drop the subject, especially if it seems a case of getting hot. Argument doesn't convince after that.
6. I will let the other fellow have the last word, the largest half, and all the credit, if he wants it.—Ida Q. Moulton.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH Rev. W. T. Osborne, Pastor.

Watch meeting at St. John's was largely attended, visitors from Council Bluffs and South Omaha being in attendance. The Rev. W. T. Osborne preached one of the most spiritually uplifting sermons we have yet listened to on New Year's eve. Three persons united with the church. The offering was \$24.00.

Mesdames Shelton, Annie Tucker, Mother Baker, Addie Hibbs, Nellie Harrison and son, are among the sick.

The senior aid kept open doors at the church New Year's day. Many persons came and went, partaking of a dainty luncheon and leaving a silver offering. A neat sum was realized.

Week of prayer is being observed at St. John's.

Many persons enjoyed a hearty laugh at "Uncle Tom" on Thursday eve. The play was given by Andrew Reed for the Grant Brotherhood.

Mr. Melvin Freeman and Zerna Kendle were married at the parsonage New Year's night. Rev. Mr. Osborne officiated.

Mr. James Hieronymous and Miss Pearl Duncan were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Duncan, on No. 37th St., Tuesday eve. Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated. This made the seventh couple united by Rev. Mr. Osborne in the past few weeks.

The Willing Workers met at the church Friday afternoon. After the business hour they enjoyed a real New Year's feast.

The Missionary society wants 100 women to join them in their campaign. The captains are Mesdames Samuel Ray, Eva Walker, Anna Burton, Lulu Rountree and Eliza Turner. The president, Mrs. Osborne, is also getting volunteers. Any woman or girl member or friend of St. John's church is cordially invited and urged to join the club under the captain preferred and help us raise means for St. John's church and the cause of missions. This is a good opportunity for new members who have not yet had an opportunity to work for the church, also for those who have been resting for the past year or two. We want you all to help us in this campaign.

COLORED WOMAN PRESIDENT

Stoughton, Mass., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of a Woman's Relief Corps, No. 99, held here yesterday, Miss R. Adelaide Washington, the local florist, and only Colored member, was unanimously elected president for 1917.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

A small group of people met at the Grove M. E. church, Monday night, to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation. What they lost in numbers they gained in enthusiasm, because they were sincerely interested in commemorating the day which means so much to the Colored race in America. The meeting was opened by an invocation delivered by Rev. M. H. Wilkinson. M. F. Singleton made the opening address and was followed by Hon. Amos P. Scruggs, Attorney James Lewis of Denver, Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, George Wells Parker, and Rev. G. G. Logan. The Proclamation was read by Mrs. G. W. Parker. Several songs were sung by the choir.

HIRAM GETS INTO HERO CLASS

When David Moore, 58, 1002 North Forty-ninth avenue, awakened with a coughing spell at 3-o'clock one morning recently he found his bed afire. He had put a hot brick in his bed to warm it.

More began to fight the fire. Hiram Greenfield, living across the street, saw the fire. He went to Moore's rescue and found the room filled with smoke and small flames. Greenfield called out the fire department and took Moore to his home. Moore was uninjured, but lost all his clothes.

A STORY OF A PLUNK AND A HALF

This is the simple story of the debt of one fifty. Holland Harrold owed Laurence Parker one fifty, which Parker requested. Harrold said he would pay the one and a half if Adams would come across with the bone and a half which he owed him. Adams agreeable issued the ultimatum that the coin would be forthcoming if Parker would kindly slip him a like amount which he carried on his ledger. The debts were paid without further comment and without further coin.

STEVEDORES STRIKE

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 4.—Nearly 400 Colored stevedores, affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Union, quit work when they were refused wage increases from 20 to 25 cents per hour.

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