

# Our Women and Children

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## GRANDMOTHERS GREATER THAN GOVERNMENTS

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Great political powers are short-lived. The average of twelve leading nations of Europe is 170 years, barely 30 years more than our own age. The oldest of the nations lasted less than 2,000 years, sixty generations. What assurance have we that our nation, our civilization, will not run a corresponding course to the same end?

This war is testing the efficiency of governments. Autocracy, aristocracy and democracy are on trial. Social revolution is under way in each of the warring nations, and each survivor will incorporate the strongest features of the others into its own structure. Hereafter there will be a new world and the United States cannot, except at its peril, fail to take account of this fact. This is a time for heart-searching and readjustment, a time to put aside boasting and face facts.

Science holds the keys of the future. Our destinies are in the hands, not of rulers, but of investigators. Of all the sciences biology touches human life most intimately. It is concerned in everything from the cradle to the grave, from the most distant ancestors to the last descendants. It is a torch-bearer into the dark corners. What, then, can biology do to make better citizens?

### "Good Heredity"

Its first duty is to teach the nation the importance of good heredity. Heredity is more potent than environment. The qualities of nations and achievements of nations are due less to governments than to grandmothers.

There is no other country where citizenship offers so many biological problems. Here are gathered all peoples, tongues and nations, the best people in the world and the worst. America is making the greatest and most dangerous experiment the world has ever known.

Ultimate amalgamation of these elements is assured. Within a few hundred years all lines will interlace. Many false ideas exist regarding hybrids. They may be better or worse than pure breeds. Combinations of the best qualities will yield the finest types, of bad qualities the worst types. This is the great danger of hybridization, and our only hope is to eliminate from reproduction the worst types and breed the best.

What are the ideals of society in this country? As a people we are woefully unorganized. Heredity has given us many types of persons, fitted for special functions in society, but we try our best by education and environment to make them all alike. Individual liberty is our national deity. She raises her torch to light bondsmen of Europe to this "sweet land of liberty." Her image is stamped on our money and enthroned in our hearts. We are a nation of sovereign states, of sovereign individuals, each citizen a king.

We need to cultivate the spirit of the hive, to think more of our duties and less of our rights. How the problems of preparedness for war or

peace, the conflicts of labor and capital, the dangers of partisanship or sectionalism would melt away if only duty were our goddess! In fine, the duty of society is to conserve, as its most valuable possession, human material, and to prevent the endless heaping up of the great mass of human wreckage and garbage that is the shame of our civilization.—Purity Magazine.

### WORDS WITH WINGS By Jean Halifax

Somebody told me that our words  
Have little wings and fly like birds.

If words were birds, what would  
yours be—  
Hawk, or buzzard, or gay chick-  
adee? —Ex.

A little girl wrote the following composition on men: "Men are what women marry. They drink and smoke and swear, but don't go to church. Perhaps if they wore bonnets they would. They are more logical than women and also more zoological. Both men and women sprung from monkeys, but the women sprung further than the men."—Ex.

### ZION BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Special revival meetings are being held at Zion Baptist church, to run for an indefinite time. Everyone is invited to attend.

The ladies tailoring class held its first exhibition Thursday, the 15th, at the church. The class was led out by its teacher, Mrs. Hughes, who was gowned in a black crepe de mere, with chiffon satin trimmed with cut steel and jet and inlaid with heliotrope and marquissette. The junior charity class followed in uniform, with blue garbadine work aprons. Then followed the members of the advanced class. Mrs. A. Lewis was gowned in a black satin messaline with gold and Persian colors and hand embroidery; Mrs. S. A. Botts in a king's blue brocade messaline, overlaid with black marquissette and French knotted with old rose and king's blue; Mrs. Odessa Harris, in a bernard blue brocaded messalini with dull rose French crepe and gold lace, overlaid on flesh colored georgette; Miss Gladys Jordan, in an evening gown of maze satin and white imported lace with black velvet; Mrs. K. Moore, in battleship grey messaline and black French satin with tete rushing; Mrs. Roach wore a dainty little percale house dress, very becomingly piped with blue; Mrs. P. H. Jenkins wore a taupe de lux and dove grey French broadcloth with ornaments to match; Mrs. Harding wore black and white stripe silk serge with insertion of black lace and net; Mrs. A. B. Webster wore hazel blue soft taffeta, trimmed in buttons of self material.

After the class was exhibited, Rev. W. F. Botts was presented with a genuine cravanet rain coat from the advanced class, made by them and costing \$13.75.

A large and appreciative audience was present, a nice time was had by all.

The "Last Loaf," a two-act drama, was given Tuesday eve. Mr. Ed Turner, Mrs. Allie Jones, Miss Beatrice Kyle and Mr. Robert Greene played the leading roles. This play dealt with things seen in present day life. A large and appreciative audience was present.

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