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"Mother"

By REV. L. J. LEWIS, of Seward.

When God first brought the crowning piece of his workmanship
to Adam to see what he would call her, he said "ISHA," maness,
woman, expressing the same idea that was lately expressed by Kip-
ling as "the female of the species." This was not only the first
idea of Adam concerning woman, but doubtless of all primitive men.
As Adam advanced in his knowledge of things, he soon came to the
conclusion that another word as vastly more appropriate for desig-
nating his wife, and consequently called her no more "ISHA," maness,
but "EVE" mother. Again we observe that as primitive man has
advanced in knowledge and exalted to the highest place his vocabu-
lary. So today we unhesitatingly say that the word is the dearest
of all words that relate to human relationships. It is equally dear
when heard from the lips of a prattling child, the husband using it
as a term of endearment in speaking to his wife, or of the mature
person who speaks of her who bore him with the same reverence
he uses in speaking of his God.

We can conceive of nothing more fitting than that we should join
in a service in her honor in crowning her this day as "Queen of May."
If we shall succeed this hour in making the mothers realize that they
are loved and appreciated as they should be, we will be truly worship-
ing and serving Him who has commanded that we honor our fathers
and mothers.

We recently read a list of things that men consider the world's
greatest need at the present time. Among those things was "A
Settlement of the Question of the Relation of Capital and Labor."
"An Equitable System of Taxation," "Arbitration of All International
Questions," and "World Peace." These are undoubtedly great issues
and the settlement of one or all these questions would most certainly
be a great blessing to humanity; but is the consideration of these
things of greater importance than other things? Are we not in
danger of overlooking or ignoring one of the most potent influences
for good in the world—a mother's? I insist that this is not only a re-
ligious question but that it should be a national issue as well. One of our
ex-presidents spoke profoundest truth in these words: "When all
is said it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen
than the soldier. The successful mother, the mother who does her
part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to
be the men and women of the next generation is of greater use to
the community and occupies, if she would only realize it, a more
honorable as well as important position than any successful man in
it. The mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is
more important by far than the successful statesman, business man,
artist or scientist." This same thought was expressed by Napoleon
who said: "France needs nothing so much to promote her regener-
ation as good mothers." Napoleon knew whereof he spoke, for
he had just such a mother; and he repeatedly declared that the family
were indebted to her for that physical, intellectual, and moral train-
ing which prepared them to ascend the lofty summit of power to which
they finally attained. Almost without exception it is possible to thus
find a good mother back of every man who has impressed himself on
any nation. Mighty is the force of motherhood, it transforms all
things, it turns timidity into courage; defiance into submission;
thoughtlessness into foresight; anxiety into calm content; selfish-
ness into self denial, and vanity into love," so writes George Elliott
and if motherhood thus changes the mother for the better we see at
once why the children of such mothers are likewise made the better.
Emerson comes out in strongest terms in saying that "all men
are what their mothers made them." Sometimes we find men in
the zenith of their fame referred to as "a self made man" or as a

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