

TO COLUMBIA ON IMMIGRATION.

Columbia, light hearted and tender, Too long for the good of your kin You have shared your home's comfort and splendor With all who have asked to come in. The smile of your true eyes has lighted The way to your wide open door, You have held out full hands and invited The beggar to take from your store.

You overrun, proud sister nations Whose offspring you help them to keep, Are sending their poorest relations. Their unruly, vicious black sheep; Unwashed and unlettered you take them, And lo! we are pushed from your knee; We are governed by laws as they make them, We are slaves in the land of the free:

Columbia, you know the devotion, Of those who have sprung from your soil; Shall aliens, born over the ocean, Dispute us the fruits of our toil? Most noble and gracious of mothers; Your children rise up and demand That you bring us no more foster brothers To breed discontent in the land.

Be prudent before you are zealous, Not generous only, but just; Our bearts are grown wrathful and jealous Towards those who have outraged your trust. They jostle and crowd in our places,

They sneer at the comfort you gave, We say, shut the door in their faces Until they have learned to behave.

In hearts that are greedy and hateful, They harbor ill-will and deceit:

They ask for more favors, ungrateful For those you have poured at their feet; Rise up in your grandeur and straightway Bar out the bold, clamoring mass: Let sentinels stand in your gateway, To see who is worthy to pass.

Give first to your own faithful toilers The freedom our birthright should claim And take from these ruthless despoilers The pow'r which they use to our shame. Columbia, too long you have dallied

With foes whom you feed from your store; It is time that your wardens were rallied, And stationed outside the locked door. — $Ella\ Wheeler\ Wilcox.$

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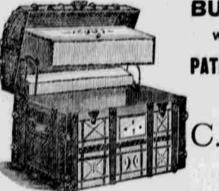
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