

FRIENDS.

Some friends like flocks of birds fly quickly where
Your bounty spreads before their shining eyes,
With gracious speech they compliment your fare,
And cheer and warm you with their glad surprise;
But when the feast is done, the bough is bare,
With wings as swiftly fleet, with songs as rare,
They preen their plumage gay and fly elsewhere.

Nay, grieve not, for such friends are useful too,
Whoso sets forth his store of mind and heart,
And burns the sacred oil of friendship true,
For such as these, will learn by sorrow's smart
To pluck from out the world's wide sea of men,
True friends; nor cast their pearls to swine that rend.

EMMA SHUMAN.

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SLAVERY AND
POLYGAMY.

That representatives of the United States government, acting in their official capacity and assuming to speak for a republic of free men, have made a treaty or agreement or contract or whatever-you-call-it, in which they have required that the Mohammedan Sultan of Sulu, who lives on a part of the territory purchased from Spain, over which it is claimed there is undisputed American sovereignty, shall fly the American flag at all times, and in return for which the United States undertakes to guarantee that slavery and polygamy shall be recognized among other things, and both shall be protected and sanctioned, and further that the United States shall pay stated salaries to the Mohammedan autocrats charged with local government—all this admits of not a particle of doubt in the mind of any fair-minded American.

That the McKinley administration has waited until the closing week of the political campaign before making any statement in relation thereto, and then evasively denying and apologizing for the agreement, is convincing proof of the guilty knowledge of the administration of this latest most despicable perversion of the purposes of republican government in the union of American states.

The administration has caused to be asserted just before election that the treaty as published is a forgery. Sufficient it is to state that it was sent to the United States by John T. McCutcheon, the correspondent of the Chicago Record, whose reputation for truth and veracity will compare favorably with that of any member of the administration. Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Bass accompanied the representative of the United States to the Sulus and were present when the treaty was negotiated and signed, and both have reported that the treaty is an actuality and that it is under and by virtue of this treaty that peace is now

maintained in the southern islands of the Philippine archipelago.

The administration defenders are also saying that the treaty is not a treaty at all, but an agreement. No matter what it is called, it cannot be amended without consent of the Mohammedan potentates.

They are also saying that the slavery legalized is not slavery but a sort of serfdom in which the serfs are better off than they would be if free and compelled to labor for a living. This sort of apology for servitude is familiar to those who fought to death the old slavery in the United States under the same banner of freedom which they now protest should not float over human chattels in distant islands.

Then again they say, these apologists for slavery and defenders of polygamy, that it is not intended that the arrangement shall be permanent, but that as soon as the United States is able to do so the legalized slavery and polygamy will be made illegal and forbidden. In other words, that this is but a sham treaty which we have no intention of observing after we feel strong enough to defy the Moslems. Is that the administration idea of honor among nations?

Again it is pleaded in excuse by close advisers of the administration that the slavery and polygamy legalized will in time be ended by "the slower method of civilization and education." What a confession of weakness! How different from the spirit which decreed the end of slavery in the United States thirty-five years ago! And then, Prof. Schurman knows, and the administration defenders know, that there is not on record a case of genuine conversion to Christianity of a Mohammedan devotee, much less of the conversion of a nation of a quarter million followers of the prophet.

The facts regarding this Sulu agreement and its recognition of slavery and polygamy, and of the responsibility of the McKinley administration for the agreement, have been before the American people many weeks, and yet the campaign managers waited until the last week of the campaign to put out their clever but contradictory falsehoods to vainly endeavor to enlighten the just indignation of the American people.—Sioux Falls Press, Thursday, November 2, 1899.

"If the present congress in its approaching session does not deal satisfactorily with this Philippine question on American lines and in accordance with American principles," says the Middlebury (Vt.) Register (rep.), "the American people will see—and none more certainly than Vermonters—that a congress is chosen next time which will do so. In such cases, Vermont will not return to congress, or send to congress, whether as representative or senator, any man who is not opposed to the present policy

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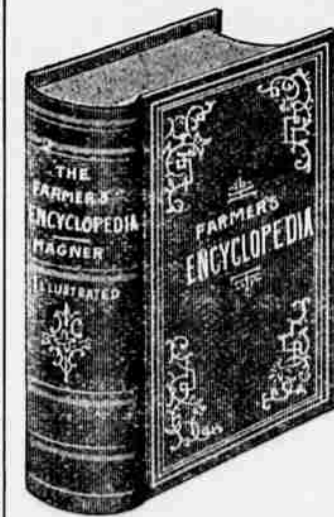
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