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Shall We Not Resolve?

In less than an average of two hours, with the aid of muscular young men wielding axes and saws, from 50 to 75 years of tree life is being snuffed out each day at Birmingham's main street, Woodward avenue, is being made ready for a wider pavement.

So does the works of nature which, with them return to the earth again. In the words of an old Tylosse evening song: "Come to the sunset, tread the day is past and gone; the woodman's axe lies free, and the reaper's work is done."

To Our Senior Class. This week Baldwin high school will graduate the senior class, its annual output of boys and girls; this class represents an average of 12 years of scholastic training, training on subjects that are presumed to be of value in shaping their footsteps for further experience in this business of life and living.

We wonder if these graduates—filled, perhaps, with a pardonable conceit and over-estimation of their intellectual accomplishments—are really aware of the distance they have yet to go to become proper citizens in a world that is so big and so busy with a multitude of undifferentiated details.

We wonder if the Baldwin high school graduates are as conscious of the duty they owe to society for their education; to their teachers for the hours given them in instruction; to a generous and kindly Providence for their vigorous health and their stimulated yearnings for better things;—we wonder if they are as conscious of these things as they are of their abilities to work out a problem in geometry or to compose a nice sounding thesis on why the direct primary should be abolished.

We hope that, with their purely scholastic attainments, these graduates have learned something of honesty, morality, humility, loyalty, and the host of remaining positive attributes of character which, after all, are the vital and necessary requisites for obtaining happiness in adult life.

The greatest single expenditure which the residents of this school district pay in taxation goes toward the maintenance of its public school system; and this money is used to bring into the consciousness of local youth those subjects which enrich the human mind and make able to cope with the world in which it lives.

The March of Feminism

Last Thursday afternoon we attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Branch of the National Women's Party, held at the Fox and Hounds Inn; we were one of five men in the midst of several hundred women. After the luncheon, was removed through the mouths of all those present; there followed nearly two hours of talking and addressing; many of the best spoken by the ladies who were called upon contained, we are quite willing to admit, such basis of fact (for the women of America do not yet have equal legal rights with men, which they should have), and some of the things said—or rather the manner in which they were said—are wholly beside the important need of feminism.

Ever since humanity floundered out of the inkblot that may have been an inkblot of 'way back before the Great Flood, men and women have been intent upon their pursuit of happiness. They have done many things to enlighten the consciousness of humanity, and have passed human beings to quite a height of mental and moral perfection in the scale of life and living. Credit for this progress, we believe, belongs to both the male and female of the species—for each could hardly live without the other; biological evolution, you see, demands both.

As scientific means of spreading information have been developed, as methods of communication and transportation have been perfected, more of the world's information has been given to greater numbers of people, so that more people are demanding from life larger portions of the things they want. It is through such means that feudalism was wiped out, and peasants given a chance to become rulers; it is upon such means that our present so-called civilization depends for further emancipation from the habits and customs that it seeks to overthrow.

It is a mystic, then, that America should have a National Woman's Party—a band of women pioneering for a cause that they believe a good one. As we stated in the beginning of this editorial, we are quite willing to admit that women should have more legal equality in the United States; laws that set out duties which reflect upon the character or the ability of women to bear their rightful responsibilities in life, should be amended or wiped out. The achievements of women in this Twentieth Century have eloquently proved that women, as the vehicles of active and intelligent consciousness, are as able as men in grappling with many of the problems of this so often confusing world.

But there ought to be, we think, an admitted division of the things that women can do best and the things that men can do best; there ought to be a recognition given by the National Woman's Party (and other feminist movements) of the biological fact that has set up in the female of the species that Nature's greater work, reproduction and self-preservation) may be continued. There ought to be a recognition among women of the real place they occupy in this world—which in many respects is as unlike that of men as day is to night.

In the words of Bovee, "all mankind is indebted to women, first for life itself, and then making it worth having." Goldsmith says: "women famed for their valor, their skill in politics, or their learning, leave the duties of their own sex, in order to invade the privileges of their men." I can no more pardon a fair one for could a man for endeavoring to twirl her hair than I can.

And as our own Oliver Wendell Holmes stated: "how many women are born too finely organized in sense and soul for the highway they must walk with feet unshod! Life is adjusted to the wants of the stronger sex. There are plenty of torments to be measured by its journey; but their stepping-stones are measured by the needs and the desires of women." If the National Woman's Party, and its allied feminist crusaders, can obtain a fairer division of the legal rights of human beings before the law-making bodies of the world, placing them on an equal basis with men, we certainly wish them speedy success in the process.

But if such feminist movements include the division of women from men as the classic and staid pages of history—pages that have inspired the best in every man in every age—and would put her beneath the yoke of brutality and rugged labor that has marked the efforts of man, then we would oppose it. For we firmly believe that this world was made for the happiness of both men and women—a happiness that can be attained only by the union of the soul and woman rule the domain of the home, wherein it is warmed and sustained the heart of whole mankind.

For after all, we humbly believe, there are finer things in life than the possession of material things; there are the things that belong to Caesar and the things that belong to God, and though men may have more of the former, certainly women have a greater abundance of the latter.

We suggest to our feminine crusaders that they cool their zeal somewhat with a quiet contemplation of the realm in which true womanhood is to be found; the rich inheritance of feminine folk; today, and may they also take into consideration that, in their extreme desire to emancipate their sister from the so-called shackles of masculinity, they stand in rather certain danger of losing something rather precious, namely, the heart of man.

We agree with poet Holmes that the thin, high-heeled shoes of pretentious high society are not so substantial enough to bear the bruises of life's yet rugged highway—and though the ladies may acquire corns and bunions in tight shoes, we men never want them to get callous.

Are You Re-Registered?

Every four years, just prior to the Presidential election in the United States, re-registration of every qualified voter takes place. The registration is to keep up-to-date the polling lists of every election precinct, thus making for more accuracy at election time, as well as speedier voting.

CHOICES

Saint James' Episcopal Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, Rector Second Sunday after Trinity

Church School on vacation until autumn. No evening service. The two o'clock Church School Field Day was postponed last Saturday on account of inclement weather.

First Baptist Church High School Auditorium David Leon Woodward B. D., Minister

This churchion of this wide its doors so that "whoever will may come." We extend a cordial invitation to the members of the community who have no regular church home or who do not worship elsewhere. You live here, why not have a church home?

Southfield United Presbyterian Church Rev. W. T. Armstrong, Minister

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(Continued from Page 1) luncheon and dinner, to the committee who provided three complimentary dinners; to speakers, songleaders, and pianists; to Miss Helen Osband for dramatizing the play; to our hostesses for the "Abraham Lincoln" production; to the cast who presented it; to the art department of the schools of Birmingham, Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills Village and to the young people who contributed the posters; to the manual training department of the high school primary for enclosure slips; to the Players for the use of their auditorium; to the churches for the final cooperation; to the Bank of America for the use of their building; to the O'Dell and W. A. Johns for their trophies; to the bank for continuing to be collecting agencies; to the Kurek Theater corporation for the proceeds of the opening performance; to Dan Waltz for the painting of our progress; to the W. C. A. for loaning us the help of Miss Green for office assistance; to Bert Moore for the help of his "Maple" and "Maple" avenues; to all donors to our most worthy cause; and to all devoted workers who are standing loyally by until the goal is reached.

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