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A HOMILY ON EDUCATION.

There is little reason for ignorance and illiteracy in these days of low priced newspapers and magazines, free libraries and free schools.

This is not saying there is no room for improvement in our educational system. This system will not be brought to the highest state of efficiency until provision is made for everyone who has the capacity for absorbing the higher forms of learning to receive the necessary instruction.

There are thousands of persons who have not been able to secure academic training, to whom such would have been a great blessing. Some of them possess the latent genius that, had it been developed would have brought marvelous returns to humanity.

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If one will study the newspapers and magazines with a desire to obtain information as well as the thrills of sensation, read good books to obtain new ideas or enlightenment on old ones, listen to lectures, attend the exhibitions of educational picture

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ional flags of the respective countries draped women and girls seated on

thrones. Ten girls in Swedish colors were on the "Swedish float. A large Union Jack draped a young woman on the Great Britain float. Three girls in Welsh costumes represented Wales; five in kilts represented Scotland; seven wearing the Irish green and carrying harps, represented Ireland; seven Canada, and three society belles of Washington, attired in Hindu turbans and robes, represented India.

A banner, inscribed "Countries Where Women Are Working for Suffrage," was followed by floats typifying Turkey, Persia, Greece, China, France, Switzerland, Italy, Holland and Germany. These concluded the first section of the procession.

Another mounted herald, carrying a trumpet with a yellow and purple banner, led the second section of four floats, representing the progress of the suffrage movement in the world. The color scheme of this division was purple, violet and gold. The banner float was entitled "The Sixteenth Amendment"—proposed to grant equal suffrage nationally. It was preceded by another band.

Women attired as "Pilgrims" in gray cloaks, knapsacks, and carrying staves, marched before the float. They were followed by the "hikers"—Gon-Rosalie Jones and her dust-stained footsore marchers. Following was a mounted platoon of Baltimore women.

Banners, carrying the words "The 75 Years' Struggle for Freedom" and "Justice Conquering Prejudice," were the escort of the four floats, representing suffrage workers in 1840, 1870, 1890 and today. Three black clad women represented the pioneer suffrage states.

Another mounted herald and band preceded the third section.

Virginia's equestrian women, wearing green capes, followed. Behind were carried banners declaring "Man and Woman Make the State" and "Man Alone Rules the State."

Behind the banners were nine more floats, all allegories of the fields of feminine activity. There were farmers, housewives, officially called the "Homemakers"—Quakers in tomy gray homespun, nurses, lawyers, doctors, dentists laborers—wage earners—and government employes. The largest contingent was the "homemakers" float. Behind marched hundreds of the "rank and file" of suffragettes. Few were uniformed. Here were the hurriedly recruited marchers. Husbands brothers, sweethearts and children were in the ranks. A semblance of order was maintained. The lines wavered and wobbled unevenly across the avenue. They included old women, young women, fat women, slim ones, grandfathers papas and several young children.

Nurses, about 200 of them, were dressed in the uniform of their profession. College women, from the most prominent women's institutions of the country, marched in caps and gowns. Famous women lawyers also marched in their mortarboard caps and black gowns of graduation. Similar "uniforms" were worn by the dentists and doctors.

The women "laborers" wore dark brown capes and blue skirts. The men accompanying them wore overalls.

Following them was another float representing "Greed, Tyranny, Indifference, Factory Women, and Child Workers."

The "government" float pictured by a man bearing alone upon his shoulder the "state" and a woman standing idly by with hands bound drew cheers at every corner.

Following the floats were squadrons of marchers divided as follows: Social workers, teachers, business women, librarians, writers, artists, musicians and actresses—all in the "Portia" uniforms. Behind were the uniformed sections of business women, clergymen, club women and the miscellaneous "hodge podge" of the friends of suffrage, male and female.

State delegations composed of the fifth parade section led by a band and special "herald." Nine girls in old-fashioned bonnets and beaded bonnets wore on a float representing "The First Bill for Equal Rights" Following was another mounted brigade, and then marching bravely were two score senators and representatives from the nine states where women are given suffrage—Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Practically every solon was out. The women "kept tabs" on deserters.

A banner float or map, showing the suffrage states in colored relief, followed.

"Light Among the Darkness" was the title banner following this float, showing nine states in "light" and the other thirty-nine in "darkness."

Another horsewoman bearing a banner heralded the nine suffrage states in the order of their granting suffrage as follows: Wyoming, Colorado, Washington, Utah, Idaho, California, Arizona, Kansas and Oregon. Michigan was not represented. There gan.



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the suffrage law is under attack in the courts. The suffrage leaders said they wished to "take no chances" today of disappointment; later by including Michigan in the pro-suffrage lineup.

A big battalion of men marchers representing the "National Men's League for Equal Suffrage" marched before a banner entitled "No country Can Exist Half Slave and Half Free—Abraham Lincoln," these words being purported "quotes" from the martyred president.

A float bearing nine women in white flowing tunics, representing the nine suffrage states, and thirty-nine in black gowns, typifying the "no-suffrage" states, followed.

The procession closed with state delegations, arranged alphabetically marching in order.

Along the line of march, white-uniformed "petticoat cavalry" vied with police in keeping back the crowds behind the ropes. Soldiers, marines and sailors also were honorary escorts. The soldiers were stationed at the Peace monument, the marines at the treasury building, and the sailors in front of the white house 'court of honor.'

A long train of automobiles, many bearing aged woman and male suffrage advocates, brought up the rear of the procession. The cars were ablaze with suffrage colors, pennants, flags and flowers.

While the parade was slowly winding up the avenue, the climax of the pageant was being enacted on the treasury plaza and steps. As the trumpet (megaphone) notes heralding the beginning of the procession reached the treasury the tableaux began.

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