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A Missionary Sermon.

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And the grand swelling heavenly music,
Seemed pastor and flock to inspire,
I sat by the anthem enraptured,
I saw not a face that was there,
It seemed I was borne gently upward
On wings of the throbbing air,
I'd nigh reached that heavenly city,
Whose streets by God's love are all lit,
When I found the choir'd stopped singing,
And I was right where I had sit,
When I first came into the meeting,
And settled myself for a stay,
For they said: "We're to have a fine sermon"
A bishop was there for the day,
Well, he rose. He was tall, broad and handsome
With hands soft and white as a girl,
And when he smoothed back his black whiskers
His teeth shone like rows of white pearl.
He spoke, and his voice, it sounded
As cooling and soft as a dove,
He opened the great poppit Bible
And took for his text the word "Love."
Well, the sermon was fine. I don't doubt it
For the women there all were in tears
And the first time that I've had wet eyes,
For these more than two score of years.
When he spoke of the poor heathen mother
Who in ignorance as black as the night
Threw her babies to the beastly sea serpent
Because she had never the light
Of our dear, blessed, life-giving gospel,
To free her from Heathendom's chain,
And when he had finished his story
My tears were a falling like rain,
He told how rich they were
As slaves to rich merchant or king,
When he spoke of the curse of such barter
His voice had a powerful ring,
Then he told of our own lovely country,
Our beautiful hills and our flowers,
He mentioned how the good God had blessed us,
By sending us sunshine and showers.
He told how the nation was growing,
And reached from coast to coast,
Then he said: "Could we had plenty
Not give to the souls all but lost?"
He said: "We must share with our brothers
That God claimed a part of each crop,"
And when they came round with the platter
You got to have heard the chink drop,
Well, the meatin' was o'er and I drifted
With the rest of 'em out in the night,
The cold wind struck right to the marrow,
And the side-walks warmed in white,
I rrammed my hands round in my jacket,
And drew my scarf round good and tight;
I hadn't a cent in my pockets,
They were drained for the mission that night,
I'd gone along whistling an' happy,
A block or two down the black street,
When my foot struck against a hard bundle
All crusted over with sleet,
I struck a match; stooped to discover
The thing I had found, and lo!
'Twas a child, worn thin by starvation,
Laying dead in my feet in the snow,
There she lay in stone's throw of the mansion
I'd been in so cozy and warm,
While she with the snow for her pillow
Was dying alone in the storm,
Oh, the lands of our frozen Alaska
And the isle'sneath the tropics' fierce glare
May swarm with our ebony kin,
But my money I have to share
With the poor-trodden down of God's children
Shall succor my own country's poor,
And may a starving child stand at my door.
—Maud Merritt.

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The Republican Party and the Money Power.

(Governor Pingree of Michigan in the Independent.)
In the Independent's letter, inviting me to contribute to its columns, the following sentence from my recent address at Toledo, Ohio, is quoted:
"I have no hesitation in saying that the leadership of the republican party is now with the control of the bond-holders." This sentence should be read with the context. Immediately following the above were these sentences:
"This does not mean that the republican party is the party of the monopolists, by any means. It simply means that the course of the party is dictated too much by commercial greed."
"Men like your Ohio boss, who rules from Cleveland, have wielded a sceptre which does not belong to the republican party. It is foreign to its history and to its principles. I hope you will tear that sceptre from his grasp and dash it to pieces here in Toledo tomorrow."
"Trusts, corporations and money must not rule our party. It was created as a party of the entire people. It was such in Lincoln's time. But it is slipping away from its original principles. Its leadership is largely in the hands of corporate wealth."
"I do not condemn corporations and rich men, but I would keep them within their proper sphere. The republican party is not their property, to use as they see fit."
"Money getting is not the soul aim in life. It should not be the principle object. It is not safe to intrust the government of the country to the influence of Wall street. This is a common statement. I know. But it has a serious meaning."
"I do not say these things to excite a popular clamor against wealth. The owners of large amounts of property are entitled to their possessions, most of them. The laws of the land protect them as rightly too."
"But I do say that they have no right to rule politics. It is an illegal use of their wealth. They ought not to be permitted to guide the republican party to make it a party of commercial greed."
"The majority of the party is not with them. It is the duty of the party to send them to the rear. It will do so unless they do something for American humanity and quit using the government for selfish commercial purposes."
"Talk like this will be met with cries of 'treason to the party' from the bondholders who now lead the party, and from their agents and their subsidized press."
"I care nothing for that. The great majority of republicans, the farmers, artisans, mechanics, clerks, business men and men of brains and common sense, indorse such sentiments. They are the voters. They are the ones who are suffering from the evil effects of these great combines and monopolies."
In an address delivered by me at the banquet of the Michigan Club, of Detroit, on February 23rd last, I spoke as follows:
"The republican party was formed to make men free and equal. Its votes came from the farmer and his sons; from the villages and the country districts of the various states. They did not come from the overcrowded portions of our great cities, where the voters were controlled by bosses. Republican majorities came from the states that afterward furnished patriotic soldiers. So long as the great questions growing out of the Civil war remained unsettled the republican party was controlled by men chosen to represent the people."
"But in time these questions disappeared and other questions demanded attention. Problems of trade and finance, and questions of administration came up. Meantime wealth increased and capital and labor drifted into conflict. Gradually the men of wealth dropped into the republican party. Corporations found their interests well cared for by the men who were chosen to the legislative bodies as republicans."
"Now this has been going on so long and so steadily that it has become notorious. Old republicans have been held

in line because they could do nothing else. Some leaders of the democratic party have made it almost impossible by their acts for prudent and thoughtful business men to join it.
"All the men who had schemes, and all the corporations who wanted privileges joined the republican party, expecting that party to bear their burdens and to serve them. This has been going on for years, but it cannot last forever, gentlemen."
"I deem it a valuable service to the party to speak a word of warning at this time. For it is time that corporations, combines, trusts and multi-millionaires were requested to leave the front seats, at least, and let the men who can speak for the great body of voters, the men who believe in the republicanism of Abraham Lincoln, have room and part in the conduct of public affairs. I do not even suggest that men be ignored and humiliated simply because they are rich, but the legislative and executive offices of this nation cannot much longer be filled with men whose claims are based solely upon their devotion to corporate interests."
"The chief point I wish to make at this time is that the rank and file will not stay with the republican party unless we choose our leaders, hereafter, without consulting those who control the corporations, trusts and combines of the country, their attorneys, agents and servants. Our leaders must be men who are proof against all corrupting influences and the temptations which come with political ambition. When the republican party returns to the leadership of such men, I will have no fear for its future."
I have thought that perhaps the persistent ignoring, by most of the leaders of the republican party, of the very serious problems created by the organization of trusts—which have multiplied to an almost fearful extent during the past 12 months—was due to the fact that those leaders did not fully realize the immense importance of these problems to the people. I believe that these leaders do not appreciate how deeply the people of the country feel upon the matter and how much earnest thinking they are doing at the present time.
It is not necessary to go far from my own home, however, in order to discover the real attitude of one multi-millionaire leader of the party upon this important question. Senator McMillan, whose long service in the United States senate of the republican party, in an open letter to the senate of Michigan, writes as follows, in referring to trusts: "By judicious combinations among the industries, production has been cheapened, while at the same time steady work and better wages have been assured."
No more frank and positive endorsements of trust could be made than this. That Senator McMillan correctly represents the leadership of the party can only be assumed from the silence of the leaders upon this subject.
It is even a question whether any of Senator McMillan's deductions are correct. It may be true that production has been cheapened for the time being, but it is also proper to inquire whether the result of the monopoly will not eventually result in cheapening the product, if one concern possesses a monopoly in the manufacture of an article which assurance have we that the article will steadily improve in grade and excellence? Does not experience prove the contrary?
Senator McMillan alleges that steady work and better wages are assured "by judicious combinations." He need only refer to his home city of Detroit, where the closing of a factory, which has been absorbed by a tobacco trust, will throw over 200 families out of employment. It has not even been demonstrated that the organization of trusts assures better wages. We cannot know this until the holders of the watered stocks and bonds of the trusts begin to demand dividends and interests.
But this problem of "trusts" involves a question of vastly greater importance than the success of business enterprise by financiers. It involves the national character. I have not time to enter into a full discussion of this phase of the problem, but will only ask these questions: Can the people of this country afford to build up enormous money making machines at the expense of their own independence and manhood? Shall this country of political freedom become a country of commercial slavery—the inevitable result of concentration and combination of wealth?
I have been read many a letter by republican newspapers and severely criticized by republican politicians for daring to intimate that the party shows indications of not being faithful to its duty



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The Unexpected Answer.

Something stayed his feet. There was a fire in the grate within—for the night was chill—and it lit the little parlor, and brought out the startling effects of the pictures on the wall. But there were as nothing to the picture on the hearth. There, by the soft glow of the firelight, knelt his little child at its mother's feet, its small hands clasped in prayer, its fair head bowed, and its rosy lips uttering each word with childish distinctness. The father listened, spellbound to the spot:
"Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."
Sweet innocent! The man himself who stood there with bearded lips tightly shut together had said that prayer once at his mother's knee. Where was that mother now? The sunset gates had long ago unbarred to let her pass through. But the child had not yet finished; he heard her "God bless mamma, papa and my own self." Then there was a pause, and she lifted her troubled blue eyes to mother's face. "God bless Papa," lisped the little one, "and—please send him home sober." He could not hear the mother as she said this, but the child followed, in a clear, inspiring tone: "God—bless—papa—and please—send him home—sober. Amen." Mother and child sprang to their feet in alarm, when the door opened suddenly, and they saw who had returned so soon; but that night, when little Mamie was bent tucked in bed after such a romp with papa, she said, in the sleepest and most contented of voices: "Mamma, God answers most as quick as the telephone, doesn't he?"—Selected.

The Fiat has Gone Forth.

At a public school exhibition in Brooklyn recently, one of the pupils recited the following selection:
"I'm licensed to sell; get out my shop!" the rumseller angrily cried.
With a frown on the face and a curse on his lips to the woman who stood by his side.
"My moments are precious, I've no time to waste, I've paid for my license, I say. 'Tis my business to sell, I shall sell when I choose to those who will give me my pay."
"Your moments are precious! ah! precious for what? To ruin some innocent one? You shall listen a moment; 'tis little I ask for wrongs that to me you have done. You have ruined my husband, both body and soul, that you his scant money might gain;
You are licensed to sell, you answered me thus, and all my pleadings were vain. You lured him on with your honeyed words till your victory you made complete, Till his money was gone, then one cold night, you turned him into the street. You were licensed to sell and gave not a sigh for the miserable work you had done,
And now, not content, you are striving your best to likewise ruin my son. You are leading him on in the downward path, his meagre earnings you crave; For that you are willing to send him down to an early drunkard's grave.
To look at the miserable sort of our town, then back to ten years ago, And how it is you and your cursed work that have brought them down so low: You are licensed to sell—ah! yes it is true, that your license in money is paid; But think not that's all that will ever be asked for the miserable wrecks you have made.
When you stand at the judgment seat of God, for the deeds done here on earth, And you stand in the presence of those poor souls that you have helped drag down to hell,
Of little avail will it be to you then to say, 'I am licensed to sell.'"
Among the guests on the platform was Oswald Unesick, a saloon-keeper, and his delicate sensibilities were touched by the strong denunciation of his infamous business, and he has sworn to stop such declamations in the public schools. The liquor dealers' association have taken up the fight, and the end is not yet. It seems to be now an open question, shall the saloons go or the declamations go?

Teacher's Institute.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county superintendent thereof will hold a public examination at the court house in Grants Pass, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, May 10, 1899. Applicants for state papers must appear at the same time.
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