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FULNESS.

(Mary J. Elmendorf in January C. S. Journal.)

Hungry, hungry, heart-hungry,
While there is love enough and to spare!
O pilgrim, suffer not dearth with its gloom and its thrust!
For the bread and the wine of the feast are thy share—
Thy meat, not scraps, with bones that are polished and bare—
And with fuel thy heartstove is heaped, not ashes and dust.

Hungry, hungry, heart-hungry,
While the vlands of Love at thy fingertips lie!
What criest thy pain—at thy Tantalus-touch they recede?
Nay; to thy longing, advancing, they multiply,
Imparting abundance for want, a smile for a sigh—
Giving comfort and strength through the night of thy need.

Hungry, hungry, heart-hungry,
For the joys of the flesh or the glories of Mind?
O suffer, Spirit and Spirit alone is thy quest!
The wonderful love of the Master thy wounds can bind;
Hearken! He calleth the poor and the halt and the blind—
And there in His outstretched arms are healing and rest.

Plenty, plenty, heart-plenty,
Beneath thee, above thee—everywhere!
O bondman, come out from the perilous thralldom of strife!
Stretch forth thy expectant hands in the quiet of prayer;
Turn from the things that pass, from anguish and care,
And seek the riches, the fadeless riches of Life.

Plenty, plenty, soul-plenty,
Forever, thou pilgrim of Love, for thee!
Progress points thee away from cloud and clod,
And wisdom wins visions of light and peace to be—
The light that illumines the hills of harmony,
And the peace that blooms in the beautiful gardens of God.

WHY FAVOR THE OFFICIAL CLASS?

There are bills before the legislature to grant the office holders free transportation on the railroads.

WE CANNOT SEE ANY ELEMENTS OF JUSTICE IN THIS.

The office holders are all paid better than persons in private employment.

They are furnished comfortable offices to do their work in, WITH LIGHT, HEAT AND FIRE.

They are furnished stationery and furniture and often typewriters and other perquisites.

Besides they seek the offices and the honors, and their families as a rule enjoy social and financial advantages.

WHY ON TOP OF ALL THIS should the official class be given free passes to travel on?

There is a great stretch of toadyism in the whole plan of giving the earth to those who already are living on the upper crust thereof.

The idea has been pretty well strangled that **THOSE BEST ABLE TO PAY SHOULD HAVE FREE** in this world and only the producers and laborers should be called upon to foot the bills.

WOMEN IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL WORLD.

Florence Kelley contributes an article on Women's Trades Unions to the December Outlook, in which she discusses the action of the supreme court of Illinois in holding as unconstitutional the statute which RESTRICTS WOMAN'S HOURS OF LABOR TO EIGHT.

She says that in Illinois woman is citizen enough to be expelled by the sweat shops, citizen enough to be worked to the limit of life and strength, citizen enough to be worked day and night, Sabbath and Saturdays, citizen enough to be worked for all she is worth and for very poor pay, although her political rights as a citizen go no further than the right to vote, once in four years for trustees of the state university.

In the face of this last named fact the New York anti-suffragists have the temerity to cite the small woman's vote in Illinois as proof that **WOMEN WOULD NOT VOTE IF THEY HAD A CHANCE.**

No wonder their report ignores the figures presented by Colorado, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming for in Colorado 80 per cent of the women register and 73 per cent vote; in Idaho women are less than half the population yet they cast nearly half of the total vote.

They vote in large numbers in Utah and the secretary of state of Wyoming is authority for the statement that 90 per cent of the women in the state vote.

UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRATION.

It will be impossible for the average American to read without concern the report of Frank Sargent, commissioner general of immigration.

The arrival in one year in the United States of 265,155 Hungarians, 272,129 Italians and 216,665 Russians and Finns, making up two-thirds of the total immigration, IS NOT PLEASANT TO CONTEMPLATE.

Charity may dispose us to receive kindly the Russian Jew, who has fled from bitter persecution and for whom Americans have often expressed great sympathy.

It has been heretofore officially declared, however, that the Russian Jew, once he becomes a resident of this country stays, and his children become among the most patriotic and thrifty of our citizenship.

The Italians and Hungarians, however, have not, save in exceptional cases proven themselves desirable immigrants.

They are certainly not to be compared with the people of Great Britain, Ireland, Germany and Scandinavia, and of these the numbers coming to the United States in recent years are a way out of proportion to those of southern Europe.

Interesting in this connection is a report submitted to congress a year ago by Marcus Bruan, special immigrant inspector, in which it was declared that **UNDESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS WERE CONSTANTLY BROUGHT INTO THIS COUNTRY IN LARGE NUMBERS** by the concerted action of some European governments and their agencies.

He stated that while these governments have laws ostensibly intended to restrict emigration they actually encouraged it.

This was especially true, Bruan said, in Italy and Hungary.

There was incontrovertible evidence, according to Bruan, that not only did these governments secretly encourage emigration to the United States, but they had aimed by instructions and teachings to keep alive the spirit of home patriotism and prevent the citizens from becoming citizens of the United States.

The fact was cited that in the preceding year \$30,000,000 WAS SENT FROM THE UNITED STATES TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY BY IMMIGRANTS.

It has appeared from other evidence also that the Italian and Hungarian governments have conspired at the emigration of thousands of worthless classes of their people, using the United States as the dumping ground.

IF THESE PEOPLE WOULD SCATTER THEMSELVES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, become assimilated with American ideas and institutions and seek naturalization with a proper purpose, their coming could be viewed with more equanimity.

As it is they have been and will be looked upon with disfavor.—Eugene Daily Register.

The Capital Journal prints the above from the Eugene Register to bring about a discussion of this question.

IT IS HARD TO SEE WHY THE RUSSIAN JEWS ARE SINGLED OUT for commendation as desirable emigration, and special objection made to the Italians and the Hungarians.

We have always had the impression that the Russian Jews of all the various kinds of Jews of Europe, were the most troublesome, and the LEAST POSSIBLE OF BECOMING AMERICANIZED.

But we may have been mistaken and are ready to have our prejudices against the Russian Jews corrected, upon a proper showing.

Our sympathies go out to that oppressed element of population in one of the most oppressive governments in the world where it is a crime to be prosperous and **A FELONY TO THINK ON MATTERS POLITICAL.**

We do not know so much about the Italians as about the Hungarians. Both these classes of citizens are doing the hard work in the big cities and in the mining regions of the Atlantic states.

They are permitted to labor as are the horses and the mules because they are needed and because **THERE HAS BEEN NO MACHINE INVENTED TO TAKE THEIR PLACES.**

We are not willing to see the anarchistic and vicious elements of Europe poured unrestricted into our country, but wherever a people want to better their condition, and live in families and **ARE WILLING TO PERFORM THE HARD LABOR THAT IS NEEDED** to develop a great country like ours, we cannot see that it is not beneficial to have them come to America.

The Hungarians in Europe are **A PROGRESSIVE AND ENTERPRISING PEOPLE**—too enterprising politically for the effete Austrian monarchy. Their agriculture and live stock interests **ARE PROMOTED SCIENTIFICALLY.**

Oregon should take steps to bring into the state some of the more desirable classes of European emigration. There is a Man Shortage in Oregon that is a far greater hindrance to the development of the state than the Car Shortage. There is a labor famine ahead for all industries.

SMILES.

A very pretty woman is said to be incarcerated in a Los Angeles jail for passing bad checks. It was not her face but the face of the check that got her into trouble.

Great Britain's efforts for International peace indicate that the British taxpayer appreciates the cost as well as the glory of Dreadnaughts.

How much wiser is the legislature for its three-days' junket trip to Portland?

It pays to advertise. An exchange says Mr. Bryan has eighty-six engagements to lecture next summer at \$500 each.

To help Persia to start her new senate the United States might lend Aldrich, Depew and Platt.

Representative Newell, who offered a resolution, that no women be employed about the legislature was too late. As usual the women had the start of him.

The Methodist women of the village of Milton who put the bath on the new church building show faith by their works. But where were the men of that congregation?

Everybody has a right to roast the legislature. It is a collective body not individually responsible.

Boston is debating the question whether it is a greater sin to misquote Emerson than to miscook lobster.

The Elks are manufacturers and wholesale dealers in good fellowship.

Those people who have the habit of giving other people a piece of their mind should remember that there is danger of giving it all away, piece by piece.

Will the tailor-made silk underwear legislators or the soft-hat wool-shirt crowd control?

It's a good thing for the peace and happiness of the world that not all the scientists say and the prophets predict is believed.

Only half as many clerks—but why hire any not needed?

So far there has been no threat to bring a case to test whether the New Year's resolutions were regularly adopted.

The legislature seems to think if it cuts on abuse down one-half it has abolished it. Half a loaf is better than no bread.

At Smolensk, Russia, Krollan chief of rural administration, was assassinated by a school boy named Borjokoff, as the chief was leaving a concert hall. The officer attending Krollan immediately killed the assassin.

For the first time in 20 years at Hood River, Or., the Columbia river is frozen over from bank to bank. Snow is falling, and the temperature is moderating.

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