

the wound be healed yet the scar remains, but God does not suffer the scar even to remain, but together with release from punishment, grants righteousness also, and makes the sinner to be equal to him who has not sinned. He makes the sin neither to be nor to have been. Sin is drowned in the ocean of God's mercy, just as a spark is extinguished in a flood of water."

"The discovery of woman by herself is the greatest fact of the century, greater than the discovery of steam and electricity; we have allowed her powers to go largely to waste too long. You will see a wonderful world one of these days when women come to their own. If anybody fears that the world will be less homelike in those days let him study the history of the Quakers, extending now over three hundred years. There was nothing in the creed of the Society of Friends sufficiently superior to what was in other creeds to account for the wonderful influence they have had in our history. Their single, salient and never-to-be-forgotten peculiarity was their treatment of women as their equals. No class of religionists has ever more worthily won the respect and goodwill of mankind. A famous member of it said recently, "Our Society has never taken up a cause that has not at last succeeded." I once asked an illustrious old Quaker woman how she reconciled with her belief the declaration of St. Paul, "I suffer not a woman to speak in the church," and she replied: "God's revelation did not end with Paul. The Spirit of the Lord is upon his people still, and has been always; we should do violence to the inner voice if we did not obey it when it tells us to testify how gracious have been the Lord's dealings with our souls." Who could wish anything nobler, gentler, more home-loving, upright, truthful and moral in every way than the character of Quaker women as a class? They are types and forerunners of what shall be when man welcomes women to his side in every

line of life. "The woman's cause is man's; they rise or fall together, dwarfed or god-like, bond or free!"

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After five years of labor, with the help of 247 editors, and the enormous expenditure of nearly one million dollars, the Funk & Wagnalls Company announce that the last page of the second, concluding, volume of the new Standard Dictionary, is now in type. This volume will be ready for delivery in November.

Hon. Justice McCarthy, the historian, and member of the House of Commons, London, Eng., recently wrote:

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