

The Woman's Quiet Hour

By E. Cora Hind

One day, at the general meeting of the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan, at Regina, the question of qualification for school trustees was up for discussion.

They were trying to frame a resolution which would permit of a woman sitting on the school board even if she were not on the assessment roll. Hon. George Langley asked if they did not think that all adults in the school district should vote for trustees whether they had property or not? Immediately one of the woman delegates said, "No it should be only the wives of ratepayers this privilege for women should be extended. We don't want the hired girl voting." A number of men in my neighborhood said, "Isn't that just like a woman?" A woman on the other side of the house, said, "But the women who are working for us today, are the mothers of the next generation and we do want them trained to vote, trained to a wider outlook."

more especially this year. Easter falls early, and there is not likely to be much in the shape of verdure to greet it, so far north, and the war is making "hard peril and pain" for so many of our citizens that it is difficult to cultivate the true Easter spirit of rejoicing; but just so surely as the snow and frost will ultimately give way to grass and flowers and the dear little Anemone Patens lifting their silver and lavender hoods to the sun, will this terrible war roll like a great stone away and be followed by the sunshine of a higher civilization, a better nationhood and a greater bond of brotherhood between the nations. With this thought in mind, Easter, while it will undoubtedly lack some of the joyousness of past years, should be a happy and a hopeful season, and a season in which we rise up and strive to bring joy to others. It has been said a thousand times that the present war is a testing time for the British empire, and this i



American Nurses on their way to front to nurse the wounded of the Allies, had thrilling experiences as their ship "La Touraine" caught fire at sea. The good ship, though considerably damaged, safely landed her passengers at Havre.

A little later the same afternoon the closer community settlement came up and one of the men who had despised the woman for not wanting the "hired girl" to vote declared, in no uncertain terms that "he was sure the Grain Growers did not want to be tied up in communities with Dukhobors, Mennonites and Galicians." By the way there were men of all these nationalities and religious beliefs as delegates to the convention. He had balled up the question in his mind, for this was not really the point at issue at all but what struck me was the total lack of any spirit of democracy in both the man and the woman. They belonged to an organization which ceases not day or night to cry aloud for its rights and a square deal, but is just a little inclined to the spirit of the oft quoted prayer, "Oh Lord bless me and my wife, our son John and his wife, us four and no more."

The woman who would not let the "hired girl" vote belongs to the class who are so largely responsible for a good type of young women refusing to engage in housework as a profession and means of livelihood. As for the man, he must have sadly lacked in observation if he has not realized that there are many things which we may, with great profit to ourselves, learn from our foreign communities.

There can be no true democracy in Canada until we sink the spirit which prompted these two remarks.

"Under the storm and the clod to-day. And to-day the hard peril and pain—To-morrow the stone shall be rolled away For sunshine shall follow the rain."

It seems to me Joaquin Miller's exquisite lines are a very fitting Easter-tide sentiment for the Canadian West,

without any of the sacrifices of blood and tears with which other nations have won freedom, and because these great boons have come easily we have regarded them lightly and the sense of individual responsibility for the welfare and the upbuilding of the nation has been sadly lacking, but in this war already Canada is paying her portion

towards the establishing of true democracy as a world wide principle, and in the doing of that task is learning invaluable lessons on her own account. The Jew of old said, "Shall I offer to the Lord that which has cost me nothing?" Hitherto Canada's Easter offerings have had little of the savor of true self-sacrifice, but not so this year.

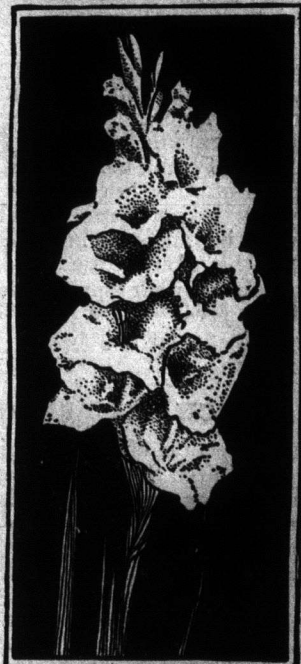
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