

They knelt in worship, the aged grandmother bursting forth:

"It is the King! yea, the King, in his beauty!"

The priest after a while breaking into a psalm of praise:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me; bless His holy name. Bless the Lord ye, His angels, that do His commandments. Bless the Lord, my soul!"

And in the stillness of the night, a song of the heavenly host was heard. So it appeared to Virginia, who stood trembling for fear and joy, watching the wondrous light. It faded away, heaven's voice ceasing; but the maiden stood motionless; and so, she saw, stood the neighbors, as though waiting she knew not for what. There were steps in the silent street and from the mouths of those that ran by, Virginia heard broken words, the burden of which was worship and thanksgiving.

"Good tidings which shall be to all the people," cried the one.

"Tidings of great joy," cried the other.

"It is the Christ, the Lord!" responded the third. "Let us go and see this thing, which the Lord hath made known unto us!"

"Stop ye friends," the voice of Zadok broke in. "Come ye from the field? have ye seen the sign, the glory of the Lord?"

"Delay us not, but come with us," they cried. "Come to see a Saviour which is the Christ—the Lord born this day, a babe in swaddling clothes, in a manger, said the Angel."

"Tarry tell me!" urged Zadok, but they went on with haste, up the hill toward the inn, the stillness of night settling again about Virginia.

(To be Continued.)

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WOMAN'S WORK.

But to begin with, let this be noted reverently and thankfully, that there are a special value and preciousness in the works done by good women in this confused and troubled social order in which our lot is cast. The work of men and the work of women are *not* the same; they were not intended to be the same, they are not readily interchangeable, so that women can do men's work, or women's work, at pleasure. Social disorganization will inevitably be the result of an attempt to obliterate the boundary lines of their separate spheres. "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world;" and in those works the first thing to be observed is the order which exist in their variety and complexity. It is the fault of the age, the fatal blunder of the age, to confound the work of men with the work of women, as if they were essentially and practically the same, and as if there were nothing worthy of consideration in that behalf, beyond the physical and anatomical difference in the workers. The loss to society would be unspeakable, the evil done irre-

diabie, if we should lose the womanly mind, the womanly hand, the womanly methods and ways, in the great business of the world; and therefore no sight is more calculated to alarm the thoughtful than that of women who assume the garb and imitate the manners, and attempt to do the work of the men; for such persons, however good their intentions, are introducing another element of confusion into the already complicated social order, and taking out of the lives of the race that very one which we can least afford to lose, and which, once lost, we can never regain.—*Morgan Dix.*

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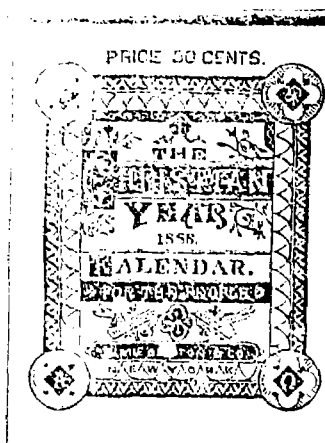
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