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Woman's Resolve.

or

Me, Woman versus Me, Man.

A

Rallying Song for Women:

Conceived and Composed by

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The Village of Stanstead Plain,

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Town and County of Stanstead,

Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada,

in the Year 1898.

Entered according to act of the Parliament of Canada, in the year 1898, by HARTLEY BAXTER GATES, at the Department of Agriculture.

Woman's Resolve.

Me—man—versus woman,
Has always been the world's plan;
But now the case shall reversed stand,
And its me—woman versus man.

CHORUS.

Rah! Rah! Rah——! Whoorah for me——!
We belong to nature's nobility;
We will be good, we will be brave, we will be free;
We will assert our individuality——
Rah, rah, rah; whoorah for me;
We will assert our individuality.

Of his precedence and power man may loudly prate,
And assert his sole right to vote, and legislate;
But woman by nature is his equal quite,
And will bravely come to the front to claim her right.

CHORUS.

Woman with love and patience has alway meekly striven,
And aided man in all his works—under heaven;
But now through sad experience she to age has grown,
She deems the times propitious to call he soul her own.

CHORUS.

Henceforth only upon equal terms can man with woman mate,
For she has resolved to have her say in home, town and state;
And will elect a council of women, to guard and represent,
Her rights and interests in town, province, and parliament.

CHORUS.

In Columbia's fair free land,
We will take a brave and noble stand,
A staunch and patriotic band,
And give to humanity a helping hand.

CHORUS.

Woman will legislate for the good of humanity,
With no unseemly airs, or show of vanity;
An independent half of the state she will represent,
And partisan government shall be a flying sent.

CHORUS.

We will be loyal, and faithfully fulfill every trust;
We will defend the right, and be sincere and just;
We will fight for our homes, and country's cause;
We will be worthy of freedom, and obedient to her laws.

CHORUS

We care not for the present system of autocracy;
We shout for woman, freedom, and democracy;
We are on our biss—, and have come to stay:
We will lead the world, and reform America.

CHORUS.

One government alone over the people there shall be,
Founded upon natures good, the good of humanity:
Children must learn to be good for the good of being good:
And men and women for their good must live as they should.

CHORUS.

Man would be good, brave and generous he,
Yet he is daft, and to obtuse to see,
That a government of the people by the people there cannot be,
Directed and controlled by one half of humanity.

CHORUS.

Man has governed the world according to his way,
Now let woman come forward to have her say;
It cannot be worse for contention, crime, and misery,
And when she comes who shall tell her naye?

CHORUS.

To abide this autocratic system of government,
Woman will no longer consent nor be content;
And there must be a new birth of freedom upon this continent,
When the millions of women shall be born to their enfranchisement.

CHORUS.

With woman enfranchised, united and free,
Ignorance, poverty, and vice from the world shall flee;
Mankind nature's laws shall understand,
And peace, and plenty shall come to their hand.

CHORUS.

A government of the people by the people there shall be,
A Government for the people that shall stand through eternity:
A human paradise, as near as can be given,
Under nature's laws, and the power of heaven.

CHORUS.

One federation o'er this continent shall rule,
And be a law, and exemplar to the world:
The nations shall in peace and harmony together dwell,
And love, and rapture the bosoms of the people swell,

CHORUS.

There's much stern brave work to be well and fitly done,
Ere woman shall triumph, and see her kingdom come:
Yet, there are women of nerve and will to work out the end assured,
And accomplish that for which the world has waited, prayed,
Endured.

CHORUS.

Let all good, brave, women rally to our call,
Organize, prepare for battle, and by your rights stand or fall;
Then in serried ranks charge valiantly down upon the foe;
Trusting Heaven for strength, we shall to certain victory go.

CHORUS.

ADDENDA.

The author of the foregoing song in giving it forth to the American public feels it incumbent upon him to say, that for the present era in the world's history he has been waiting, preparing, and ripening for a half-century. In 1861 he knew from his studies of prophetic scripture, and the events of history, that the system of government to be set up in the last days of the system covered by the great image, seen by King Nebuchadnezzar in his dream and interpreted by the prophet Daniel, was based upon the principle of human liberty, supported, directed, and controlled by the intelligence of a trained individuality; and he knew too, that this system of government was to be founded upon the international federation of the two oldest and most promising daughters of Great Britain, (the mother of colonies,) located side by side in North America, and that this federation would be the means of saving the British nation from utter annihilation in the great day of trouble, which was fast preparing to come upon the world. Knowing all this, he saw and realized the great necessity of preserving the unity and the integrity of the United States, as the one great and only hope of humanity: and he was one of the first to volunteer to put down the great rebellion of the Southern States, which threatened to destroy her. He served out his term of enlistment three years at the front, in the army at the Potomac, and with an honorable discharge returned to his Canadian home, not feeling able to do further service on account of an injury incurred in line of duty, which has caused him to suffer from lumbar rheumatism, and both physical and mental prostration, that has rendered him unfit for labor, or business, with very little intermission since his discharge. During these years he has struggled hard to make an honest living, and lamented his inability to push his studies with vigor, and to make preparation for the accomplishment of the great work which he feels was the mission of his life: yet he did not despair for he knew his brain was sound, and he felt assured down in his heart that his nerve power would eventually be restored, and his brain would come out bright and clear, and ready to act with increased force, when the auspicious opportunity arrived for the completion of his work. These expectations of his are now in process of being verified and he feels greatly encouraged; for he now sees his way clearly, events are propitious, the signal for action has been given, and he feels like taking hold of his work. Woman's Resolve, was an entirely involuntary act, and was not named until after its composition; for the chorus was written as the beginning of a chant, especially intended for the female Students of Stanstead College, as an offset to the male students "college yell," which was heard on their last convocation day. But after the chorus was metered and sung to an air which presented itself for the occasion, the idea suggested itself to make it a woman suffrage campaign song, and that is what it turned out to be. The author is both pleased and surprised at the result of his efforts, for whatever merit it may lack as a song, or a literary production, he feels confident that the tone, sentiment, and argument of the production will commend itself to all good men and women who want to see a more intelligent, equable, democratic, and enduring system of government set up for the control, civilization, and the building up of the character of the human

race, than any that now exists; and it will encourage them with hope expectation, and prepare them for the reception of his intended book which will set forth all that pertains to the establishment of the new system of government which the necessities of the times, and the warnings of prophetic scripture demand should be set up in America, as an invulnerable bulwark for the preservation of human liberty, and a boon and protection to all of the human race who come under its care.

The American Spanish war marks an era in the history of the world, for the reason that it has incidentally caused the two great English-speaking nations of the world to lay aside their mutual hates, dislikes, and antipathies, which they have cultivated for over a century, and to draw nearer together into more friendly relations, for their mutual protection against a combination of the European powers for the overthrow of either one of the powers singly.

This action of the two countries will lead to a satisfactory settlement of all their differences, and will render possible the international federation of the Dominion of Canada with the United States: which event would cement together the Anglo-Saxon race, and place the destinies of the world in their keeping.

All scripture prophecy in its uncorrupted truth indicates the eventual establishment upon the earth of a perfected system of government that would be a joy and a happiness to mankind; and one of the prophetic books has definitely indicated the location of this new system to be in North America; and has signified that the seat of its power would be located at a certain place upon the great waterway between the United States and Canada. The United States in her declaration of war with Spain has given the key note to the character of this coming system of government by asserting that the war was prosecuted for humanity's sake. The period in the world's history has arrived for the establishment of this new system, and in its organization the autocratic principle must be entirely excluded, and the democratic principle alone prevail.

Woman must be recognized as the peer of man with the same inherent rights, and an equal interest with him in all of the affairs of life.

Woman is the natural balance of man in all of the affairs of the world, whether it be in the home, church, or state; and her judgment offset against his, guided by reason, is an element of strength rather than weakness: and she must be given an equal chance with man to develop her ability, and to bring her influence to bear upon the destinies of the world. To be the strongest possible factor in a system of government, and command the respect of her opposite, woman must build up her individuality, cultivate her femininity polished with suavity, and keep her politics separate from that of man, with no interference the one with the other. Woman properly organized, and enfranchised, has a great destiny to fulfill in the future history of the world; and if this humble effort to encourage and assist her in her efforts to rise from her subordinate position to a power which shall enable her to work more effectively for the elevation and happiness of the human race proves valuable to her, and places its author in a position to still further help her, it will have accomplished its mission, and served its purpose to the satisfaction of its author.

The author of the foregoing work, after spending considerable time and doing much writing under another heading or title, is not satisfied with his work, and has finally decided to adopt "Me Woman versus Me Man," as the title and the foundation of a work setting forth the principles of human government as foreshadowed by the Bible and corroborated by natural law. This title is apt and directly to the point, as it takes at least two differently constituted affinities to form a perfect and harmonious union in natural law, so, in like manner, no perfect and harmonious system of human government can be organized, or long maintained, with the affinity of woman left out of its organic construction, and the science and sequel to "Me Woman versus Me Man," will prove an appropriate addition to the foregoing literary effort.

Stanstead, June 23, 1899.