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sented in the solution of the great public question of the hour!

How is the great struggle between capital and labor to be finally and satisfactorily settled except by awakening the conscience of the employer to the inalienable rights of the workmen to receive an honest and decent livelihood for himself and his family, and by arousing the conscience of the workingman to an appreciation of the rights of honest capital to be protected?

No American can share in the blessings of our free institutions and have any doubt concerning the need of conscience and religion for the administration and preservation of our liberties.

How is the great struggle between Ireland and England to be finally settled except by arousing the conscience of the English to the fact that "just government depends on the consent of the governed."

I have spoken of the gradual disappearance of religious intolerance. Here and there it still appears and continues to keep men and women of our race from advancement though eminently qualified and otherwise competent.

But great and harmful as this bigotry has been to our progress and advancement, to my mind, the greatest enemy of our race in American life today is the "money power," the so-called "vested interests."

Indeed, I believe, we often attribute the religious intolerance what is really the opposition of these "special interests." The bribe taker can be reached; in time he may be punished; he can at least be shamed; but the method of controlling men's acts and men's votes, even to the making of appointments in high responsible places, by so-called "respectable influence," is so hidden and so difficult to trace that there seems to be but small means of fighting or contending

against it. Apparently the whole private and public life of honest and respectable men is often dominated and controlled by the consciousness of its influence, and the record of private and public service of many from beginning to end, is the record of some influence behind them seeking to use the instrumentalities of government for selfish purposes and ends.

Not only is our race the sufferer from its overpowering arrogance, but every person who is not born to wealth, or able to command the influence of wealth, finds the doors of opportunity closed in a thousand avenues, especially the positions, places and departments in industrial and political life, the majority of which these interests control.

We must fight against this new and powerful oligarchy which is stifling ambition and hindering the demand of honest merit. It is not a political nor a racial question. In this battle we shall have arrayed with us the honest and the virtuous of all races here struggling for a place, a fair field and open opportunity. We shall find battling with us also, the children of the Puritan who have been pushed aside and denied their just recognition because they did not have at their command the influence or association of wealth.

We are not enemies of great wealth honestly acquired; we need and we pledge our loyalty to men of wealth who have made their money by unusual business capacity, yet who have retained real sympathy for the toilers who are meeting with great obstacles trying to build up a home under the expensive conditions of modern living; men of wealth who will speak less of the law of supply and demand, which they are ready to apply to the labor market, but which they are forever doing their best to antagonize by carefully contrived combinations when it comes to the selling market; men of wealth who shall place manhood above dividends, who shall seek some methods of intercourse and fellowship which shall restore, not destroy, brotherhood. In these days, when stories in many cases true, of dishonesty and dishonor

in public, in business and professional life are rife, it is being borne in on the people with ever increasing force and controlled by the consciousness of its influence, and the record of private and public service of many from beginning to end, is the record of some influence behind them seeking to use the instrumentalities of government for selfish purposes and ends.

How shall we fortify ourselves except by our inherited faith when we penetrate the atmosphere of doubt which surrounds us on all sides? The people of all the civilized nations of the world are feeling its touch. Indeed, it is shaking the very foundations of human society. Many descendants of the Puritan and the Pilgrim, long noted for their intense and strict religious fervor, today are doubting all revelations, the Cross, the Bible, and the Church.

The effect of this spread of irreligion has penetrated into the domestic life of the country to such an extent that one of the great problems of the hour is the solution of the divorce evil. England told Ireland, years ago, that the Irish husbands might divorce their Irish wives. With amazement and laughter the Irishmen received the beneficent legislation permitting a man to separate from his wife; the true Irishman would as soon lose his strong right arm as abandon the wife of his bosom. And if we are to remain true to our inheritance, we shall continue to be known as a race that adheres to the solemnity of the marriage contract because it is the bedrock of protection to the home and to human society.

An address upon the subject of our inheritance on an occasion like this would be most incomplete without reference to the contribution which the women of the Irish race have made to our inheritance. We are wont to applaud the courage and the bravery of Ireland's sons, especially her soldiers, her statesmen, and her orators. But to my mind, the quiet, almost unnoticed yet heroic lives of the women of the Irish race have too long failed to receive from us proper public recognition.

If the men of our race who came here as emigrants received social ostracism, no word can describe the complete isolation forced upon these women. They shared every hardship, exile, poverty, ignominy, and were permitted to hinder them in the struggle for place and position.

In one generation they broke down or weakened the barriers of poverty, environment and social prejudice so completely that the sons and daughters of these exiles entered upon the struggle "for power and place and pelf" in American life with little handicap compared with what they met.

What shall I say of the descendants of these Irish exiles, the daughters of the present generation? In culture, in refinement, in education, in ability, to endure the stress and strife of physical labor, in purity of life, in healthy femininity, Irish American women have no superiors.

How unselfish, too, has been their work! Scarcely a priest or man in the professional or business walks of life, who is not indebted for his position and place, to the labor and the sacrifices of the mothers and the daughters of his people. The money that has made it possible for the men of our race to receive an education in the higher institutions of learning, has come in great measure from the hard earnings—often at the risk of health and strength—of their Irish mothers and sisters, who forgot the long hours of labor, the fatigue, the lack of social comforts and opportunities for social advancement, the happiness and comfort that came to them in the thought that they were giving to God's service and to the great professions, men of their blood to fittingly represent and espouse and plead for, the spiritual and material advancement of their race.

Women of the Irish race, your work is not alone of the past. The responsibility is yours to see to it that you continue to be known for the faith that knows no doubting, for the fidelity that knows no failing, for the spotlessness of life and integrity of character, for honesty and devotedness as mother, sister and wife.

These are the memories, these the rich traditions, this the inspiration and the lesson that find in the history of the Irish race. Let us leave the history, let us come to today; let me come to the voices of the present. I would come to you who are the last survivors of that band of emigrants who braved the early hatred and antagonism that from time to time showed itself as you sought to rise above the material ways of life. How like were your efforts for fair recognition and just consideration to the efforts of those men of Massachusetts who followed the flag of the Republic through the years of the civil war and brought back the flag all the more precious because it was torn with shot and black with smoke? I call to you, brothers and sisters of those men, to you, heirs of the great Irish heritage of faith, of indomitable perseverance, of matchless courage,—you who here in this land are heirs to the heritage of liberty and freedom; to you, children of the toiler, of "the bold pioneers and defenders in the field"; to you, I come and ask, what shall we do with this inheritance?

Your answer shall be the answer which your dimmed eyes and moistened cheeks forefathers made to the ancestors as they looked for the last time upon their native land and their loved ones. That answer was a pledge that they would show themselves worthy of all the best that they inherited from those who had gone before them.

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The inquiry was secret and whether Admiral Eaton died of poisoning or from natural causes may not be known until Judge Pratt files his report with the superior court in Plymouth. The judge said that his findings would not be ready probably for a week. "This case seems so important," he added, "that I shall weigh with unusual care every statement to be included in my report."

An organ recital of more than ordinary interest is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, at the Washington Park M. E. Church, when Walter Henry Hall, former organist at the Cathedral of St. John Divine in New York, assisted by Miss Alice Eber Smith, contracts soloist at the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, will appear in this city. Miss Classon, who formerly sang in the church she will visit, will renew her friendships. As the instrument upon which the well known organist will operate is considered one of extremely pure tone a large gathering is anticipated.

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