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BOIL IT DOWN.—No article over two columns will, hereafter, be admitted in THE REVOLUTION. S. B. A.

WOMAN'S PROTECTORS.

ATTEMPTED RAPE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., January 12. NELSON SPELLMAN was arrested in this town today for an attempted rape on Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons, an estimable lady, 55 years old, as she was going to church on Sunday. Mrs. Gibbons was thrown down in the snow and seriously injured, but her screams frightened the villain away.

OUTRAGE BY A NEGRO IN TENNESSEE—HE IS HUNG BY A MOB.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., January 12.

SATURDAY night a negro, named Abe Vandberg, went to the house of William Smith, an employee on the Mississippi Central Railroad at Water Valley, Mississippi, and, after a desperate struggle, succeeded in outraging the person of Mrs. Smith, but not before he had strangled her little daughter until she was insensible. As soon as it was daylight Mrs. Smith alarmed the neighbors. The marshal of the town started in pursuit of Vandberg and succeeded in capturing him. On arriving in town with the prisoner it was with the greatest difficulty the marshal succeeded in keeping the negroes who had assembled from burning him.

Such are the outgrowths of laws, and religions, that teach men that women were made for their pleasure. In the face of such facts, we would suppose that fair-minded men would see the need of strengthening woman's power, and giving her every moral and material means for self-defence and protection; and yet we hear on all sides nothing but the cry of "Manhood Suffrage," while in Massachusetts and Tennessee, in her home and on her way to church, woman is alike the victim of man's lust. He to whom in nature she should look for protection is her destroyer, persecutor, tempter, seducer. Should he be her legislator, judge, juror, and representative? Do wise men ever think of the terrible slavery in which woman is held by her constant fear of man? Afraid to roam alone in green fields and forests, beside pleasant lakes and flowing rivers; afraid to walk alone in the streets of our cities, to cross a ferry after dark, to attend any public meeting or place of amusement; to go an errand of mercy; or to stay alone, even, in her own home?

The old proverb says, "a man's house is his castle, where no one has a right to follow him," but where is woman's tower of safety? No where on earth but in the heart of man. Until he looks up to her with reverence and love, regarding her not as his subject but his Queen; ever making her sentiments more holy than his passions; and loyalty to her his religion, woman will ever be the victim of society.

Statutes that make woman man's chattel slave; theologies that make her his subject, owing obedience; customs that make her his toy and drudge, his inferior and dependent, will ever be expressed by the lower orders of men in such disgusting outrages as those above. The refined sensualism of the upper classes,

briding youth, beauty, and genius alike, to barter the best gifts of Heaven for gold, substituting sexualism for attraction, is reflected in all its odious deformities in these horrible acts of desecration, reported in all our daily journals.

If we would make our sons loyal to womanhood, we must cease to degrade it in their eyes. We must get out expurgated editions of our creeds and codes and constitutions, that our Bibles and Blackstones may alike teach lessons of respect for the mother of the race.

We must exalt woman; make her man's equal in every position of life, and thus slowly change the public sentiment that now regards her as fair game for any one who can cheat or defraud her.

We may hang the miserable criminals who commit these overt acts, but that does not end the crime. Let philosophers and statesmen deal with causes. Let them dignify woman in the eyes of all men by placing on her head the crown of citizenship, and in her hand the ballot: the sceptre of royalty and equality, the only means of self-protection and defence.

E. C. S.

REV. NEWMAN HALL.

A FRIEND sends us a long article from the N. Y. Independent, from the pen of the above gentleman, proving, from Nature and the Bible, that man is the head of the woman, and asks us to answer it. Really "we have no stomach for the work;" to expound all that the Apostle Paul said to the Romans and Corinthians, on woman's true position, and to show that the relation of husbands and wives bears no resemblance to that of Christ and the church, require such an overhauling of profane and ecclesiastical history of ancient and modern times, such a setting back of the wheels of civilization, that we should as soon undertake to make people believe that our fathers should have continued "to honor the King," and all the American Onesimuses gone back to their masters at the close of the war, as at this late day to admit that it is the duty of wives to obey their husbands. When all the husbands are like their Divine Master, the idea might be entertained, but in the present state of things, our only hope for the redemption of the race, is in the rebellion of woman against the dynasty of sensualism, selfishness and violence, that man has inaugurated. Look at the drunkards—over 50,000 in the state of New York—the duty of their wives is clearly to sunder the unholy tie that darkens all their lives and entails misery, poverty and the same burning thirst upon their children. And the wives of gamblers, knaves, villains, and licentious men, those guilty of bribery, corruption and infamous crime; the wives of all such owe a higher duty to themselves, to the state, to the God who made them, than obedience or subjection to their husbands. This doctrine of man being woman's head, emanated from the brain of mortal. It has no higher authority, and is most destructive and demoralizing in its tendencies. The Reverend gentleman winds up his chief climax, with the following lines from Milton:

"For contemplation he and valor formed:
For softness she and sweet attractive grace.
He, for God only; she, for God and him."

We think Dante's idea, which reverses this order, far better. His true woman draws her inspiration direct from the great soul of truth, and leads man upward through the Hells to Heaven. It does seem as if sensible men had

spent time enough in searching after woman's sphere and the passage round the North Pole.

We advise Mr. Newman Hall and all his compeers, Holland, Todd and the Franklins, to leave these mysterious realms to women and to walruses, and devote themselves to the known sciences, remembering that many new ideas on woman, as well as on government, have obtained since the time of Paul. The women of this century have undertaken to find out their own sphere, and in making the discovery they will undoubtedly find that man has heretofore occupied much ground that did not legitimately belong to him, so that the next great question on the tapis will be "man's sphere."

To any of our readers who will write us an able article on the "sphere of man" we will send an engraving of Anna E. Dickinson.

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MASSACHUSETTS COMING.

THE Massachusetts Legislature last year treated the Woman Suffrage proposal almost contemptuously. But the Governor from time to time, quietly rebuked such insolence by appointing women to places of trust on the state charities. Some of the towns did the same good thing by electing women on their school committees. This year there are hopeful signs of better things. Governor William Claflin in his message to the legislature, gives expression to the following sentiments; another good sign of the times, and assurance that the hour for THE REVOLUTION had fully come, and that it is gloriously accomplishing its work:

The compensation of teachers, to a large extent, determines the ability which that service can command; and if we would retain within our state our best and most experienced instructors, we must give them salaries adequate to their comfortable support. One of the most striking inequalities in our system of public instruction is the great difference between the wages of the male and female teachers,—the average monthly pay of the male teachers being \$72.93, while that of the female teachers is only \$27.84. While our women are so poorly paid for this service we can expect no great proficiency in teaching on their part, nor that they will pursue this occupation for any considerable length of time. I am happy to say that there is a gradual improvement in this respect, but there is still too great a disproportion; and our town and school boards should be encouraged to still further liberality.

Of late the attention of the public has been drawn to the benefits likely to arise to the cause of education from placing on school committees, women, either of large experience as instructors, or who, from a deep interest in the cause, have given much attention to the subject. Thus far, wherever the experiment has been tried, it has been successful. And there would seem to be every reason, in a state like ours, where so large a proportion of the teachers are females, that the practice should become general. I would recommend, also, that law appointing Boards of Trustees and Inspectors of those correctionary institutions which contain young children,—and especially the Industrial School at Lancaster,—should be so amended as to allow the appointment of women to those offices. This change is deemed very important by many persons intimately acquainted with the working of these establishments. They believe that their introduction into these boards would tend to promote the internal economy of the institutions, and enlist in their behalf the cordial co-operation and sympathies of all benevolent women throughout the state.

A REVOLUTION IN WALL STREET.—OUR Finance writers are again on the war path. Send us in, gentlemen, all your gossip, and we will make sense of it. We know all your schemes, your plots, your Drevs, your Vanderbilts, and your Opera Bouffe proprietors. The new year will bring THE REVOLUTION again into the Stock Exchange.