

[A loose sheet from Simeon Locke Doggett's papers, undated]

Nehemiah. Woman's Rights. Pride is Haman, or Little in Great places.

No one ever prayed to God more earnestly and more frequently relied in God more firmly and wholly, or appealed to God more devoutly, for the justice of his cause than Nehemiah, the Washington of the Jews.

There is much said in these latter days about woman's rights to wear breeches and her right to vote. We want a Memucan [?] in our time to stand boldly forth and oppose this innovation, lest "there shall arise too much contempt and wrath;" lest this practice "shall come abroad unto all women so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes." Therefore, we would have a Memucan now to reestablish his decree, that, "all wives shall give to their husbands honor, both to great and small," so "that everyman should bear rule in his own house." The purity the modesty and the sanctity of woman's character should keep her from the stare and stain of the world, and from the fierce pursuits of man.

It is the luck ~~of~~ sometimes of a person of narrow mind and little soul to be advanced to a high station. Such a person thus elevated is rendered much more unhappy than he would have been in his own sphere. The first effect is the enormous increase of his pride -- "pride is the never failing vice of fools." Haman was promoted to the summit of greatness. All the king's servants bowed down and revered him; but so did not Mordecai. This went against the pride of Haman and filled him full of wrath. For all his greatness he could not be happy as long as the Jews at the gate bowed not down before him. Though he is delighted to be invited to the banquet of Queen Esther, yet he declared that all this availed him nothing so long as he saw Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. Pride must have a fall or those that have it may at last hang on a gallows as high as Haman's.

[Obverse of the page, labeled Woman Suffrage (part)]

How often it happens a person thinks himself deserving of praise honor & reward when he is utterly unworthy; at the same time thinking another wholly detestable and fit for condemnation who is in every respect more worthy than himself. Thus when at the Shushan the queen was asked; "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor," Haman thought in his heart; "to whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself?" Such a ~~presumptuous~~ conceited person deserves the fortune of Haman -- to see and to be the very one to deliver to the person he despised the praise the honor and preferments he preferred for himself.

What a wide difference there is in the course of the virtuous and the vicious in the hour of trouble. The virtuous in the hour of need known on whom to rely; they know how like Nehemiah "to pray to the God of heaven." He in the time of peril when enemies gathered around him; trusting in the God of battle could say to his friends; "be not ye afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and terrible, & fight for your brethren your sons, and your daughters, your wives & your houses." So Mordecai knew on whose arm to relying and thus relying how to conduct himself amid all the snares of his haughty enemy, who on the other hand was so ~~new~~ astonished and infatuated when the day of trouble came that he fell upon the queen bed and so completed his own destruction.

[That's the extent of the fragment. It hardly seems to touch on Woman Suffrage, but I note the label seems to be by another hand.]