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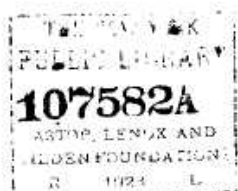
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PREFACE.

The vagrant sketches of this little volume were for the most part, originally published in a western journal, and are reprinted at the request of many of the staunch friends of that paper.

I take this means of expressing my gratitude to Rev. J. W. Gormley of Kansas, for permitting the reproduction of his splendid article on "Home and Government," an eloquent tribute to the Stars and Stripes and a fearless denunciation of divorce.

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CHAPTER I.

HOME AND GOVERNMENT.



HERE is a book older and better than all others; a book which holds an honored place in almost every home in the civilized world; a book which both instructs the mind and comforts the heart; a book which describes the origin of the human race and narrates its history for four thousand years; a book which solves every problem of life, both individual and national; a book to be read with reverence, because it was inspired by the one true God. To this good, this venerable, this blessed, blessed book I appeal, in order that I may show forth authoritatively the dignity and the rights of man; in order that I may prove to you that the Christian home is the unit of civilized society; in order that I may demonstrate to you that the greatness of our government is but the reflected glory of our homes; in order that I may convince you that any theory or practice which would destroy the sanctity of the home is at the same time a danger to that which in all climes men who have hearts adore by the great title of their country.

Behold how eloquently this blessed, blessed book bespeaks the dignity of man. Not in it that earthy doctrine that he is but the chance product of blind physical force, evolved by indefinite process from some protoplasmic cell. Not in it that beastly doctrine that he is of simian ancestry, and that his highest aspirations are after all but brutal instincts. No, no, O God, Thou hast made man and he is the work of Thy hands; Thou hast made him but a little lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned him with honor and glory because Thou hast created him to Thine own image and likeness.

Not by right of evolution from some baser element; not by right of development from some inferior species; but by right of his immortal soul, the Divine image within him, Adam stood erect in the garden of Paradise, the lord of creation, possessed of power to command the elements; the lord of creation, endowed with dominion over the beasts of the earth; the lord of creation, free in it as God Himself; in the very heaven of heavens. Indeed he might acknowledge God or ignore Him, serve Him or disobey Him, love Him or hate Him; for his was absolute freedom of will; his was liberty of thought, of speech, of action,—liberty full and entire.

True, God might and did impose laws upon Adam. Nature too, might and did impose its limitations, but he was still left free to violate the former or transgress the latter. Nor violations nor transgressions such as these, no matter what other