

### The Pioneer of the Women's Cause.

"The autumn of the beautiful is beautiful," says the Latin poet. Lady Cook is an exemplification of the truth of the axiom, for although she has to her account some four decades of incessant and strenuous work, begun in the United States and continued in the country of her adoption, she retains the personal charm, extraordinary vitality and activity, and invincible courage in the enunciation of her unchangeable opinions which characterised her when she first battled for those equal rights of her sex which have never been so near of fulfillment, at all events in the United Kingdom, as in present year 1910. If to some it is disappointing that she has been seen so seldom enforcing her well-known, clearly defined, and logically unanswerable views on public platforms, it must be remembered, to her credit, that she has elected to take her place amongst those who "do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame." She has toiled in the study, whence have issued countless articles on the subjects which constitute her life-work—the emancipation of her sex from the fetters

with which they have been bound for centuries and the raising of the status of Woman to that of man.

A few honorable exceptions apart, the London daily press has done little or nothing to assist that Woman's Cause which Lady Cook still has as much at heart as ever. The Suffragettes, as they have come to be called, have, on the contrary, been made the target of insult and ridicule, until, driven to desperation, goaded beyond the power of endurance, they have taken the law into their own hands, the only resource left open to them. With Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Pankhurst, and scores of others—many Gentlewomen, and many less advantageously circumstanced—Lady Cook has deeply sympathised, and naturally, for she herself has known, in the bad old days, the bitterest persecution and the most ignominious and unmanly treatment. From all the trials which beset her in her girlhood, and later in her womanhood, she emerged with undiminished spirit and undiminished pluck. She had been "tried by the fire," and so served to still greater efforts.

Since the early nineties she has developed an almost preternatural activity, and the closing month of

1909 witnessed her appearance in the character of a public exponent of the demands of Women for that justice which they have been hitherto denied. The scene of Lady Cook's oratorical triumph was the Royal Albert Hall: the date, Dec 11: the occasion, a mass meeting organised by the Women's Freedom League. Probably not more than two or three amongst that vast audience have ever heard Lady Cook deliver an address in public, so that their surprise and delight were all the greater as they listened eagerly to the jewelled words as they flowed from her lips in a swift stream that nothing could check in its impetuous course. Lady Cook's speech was all the more strikingly marvellous from the fact that it was delivered without previous preparation of any kind, and without the assistance of a single note. But it did not suffer from the absence of these adventitious aids to successful oratory, which even the most accomplished speakers of past and present days—Gladstone, Disraeli, and Bright included—have not hesitated to call into service when making their greatest efforts.

Lady Cook spoke as one inspired by the truth and justice of her cause; and as she poured out her irony, invective, and poetic diction with the force of a mountain torrent, the immense audience listened as if petrified with admiring amazement, their silence being broken at intervals only by frenzied cheers. Now she made her points by a display of that playful and ever present humour which is one of her happiest endowments; and then came bursts of Homeric merriment—"Laughter holding bthb her sides"—as man-made laws for Women's degradation were denounced with righteous indignation and scorn. Anon, in beautifully modulated tones, she pictured in plaintive phrases, the hapless condition of her sisters in all countries and under all forms of government, going back to Biblical times and to the foundation of the Christian era for her parallels. Tears dimmed the eyes of many, and Hope was engendered in the hearts of all who listened to the fair orator, who, at the close of the most stirring plea for Women's equality ever enunciated in a building which has vibrated to the notes of the world's greatest singers and musicians and to the fervent addresses of our Salisburys, Balfours and Chamberlains, was the recipient of a hurricane of applause and a chorus of the heartiest congratulations.

The heroine of that scene, which will linger long in the memories of all who have at heart the sacred cause of Women's equality, had another claim to plaudits of the immense audience, for she had just given to the Women's Freedom League a magnificent donation of £1,000, an unparalleled act of generosity. Who shall say in how many homes the heartfelt cry went up, a few days later, "The merriest of merry Christmas and the happiest of happy New Years to Lady Cook, noblest of the noble."

When John Bright was attacking the Corn Laws he denounced them as "a crime of the deepest dye against the rights and the well-being of the people," and he added—

Not all that heralds rake from confined clay,  
Nor florid phrase, nor honied lines of rhyme,  
Can blazon evil deeds or consecrate a crime.

The Corn Laws were repealed, only because of the threatening attitude of the people. But if those laws were, in Mr Bright's words, "a crime of the deepest dye," immeasurably greater is the crime of denying to Women the rights conceded to men all over the world; and Lady Cook may well ask, as she asked in effect at the Albert Hall, how much longer will the people permit Governments to "blazon" such an "evil deed" and to "consecrate" such "a crime" as the deprivation of Women of their just demands.

Lady Cook's fame has been for decades widespread, not only in this country, but in the United States, France, Belgium, and Portugal. During the life of her lamented husband, the late Sir Francis Cook, Viscount of Montserrat, she spent a great part of each year at that Portuguese Paradise, Cintra. Only those who have frequently visited that sublimely picturesque district, and not all of those, can imagine the depth of poverty which prevails in sight of the two Royal Chateaux. The arrival of Lady Cook was an event. From the moment she set foot in Cintra she busied herself with the gracious

task of looking after the wants of the humble folk, who hailed her as their ministering angel, one upon whose bounty and practical sympathy they could always rely. All the poor, half-starved children of the region were fed and clothed by her generosity, and their mothers and fathers were by no means forgotten. Lady Cook's presence diffused rays of sunshine wherever she went, and the good deeds of the "little mother," as she was fondly called, gained for her the well-merited honor of Queen Maria Pia's personal thanks. In justice let it be said that the Portuguese journals fully recognised Lady Cook's unfailing liberality, and never tired of hymning her praises.

Of late years Lady Cook has frequently visited the United States to which she is endeared by the warmest recollections. The Americans of a past generation—those who displayed so much animus against herself and her sister at the outset of their careers—have given place to successors who have none but kindly greetings for the Tennie Claffin of the old days and the Lady Cook of these. The reporters have always "nice things" to say about her; all their anxiety is to get her to speak—to provide them with "good copy" for their papers. Her last visit was productive of not a few amusing incidents; for the good-tempered press battalion would not leave her until she had been interviewed by all and sundry. Certainly, when all is said and done, it must be admitted that the "amende honorable" which her country-folk have long since made to Lady Cook's of the handsomest, as it is thoroughly well deserved and appreciated.

What has been hastily jotted down, "at the hazard of the pen" is a very inadequate, and necessarily perfunctory, appreciation of one who has been justly described as the most remarkable woman in the King's wide realm. Her personality, her striking individuality, charm and fascinate. Like Plato, she "reasons well." Her courage is that of a thousand women merged in one body, one brain, one soul. She is frankly and innately unconventional, or she would not be the aggregation of talents which she is. Her boldness is that of a Boadicea and a Joan of Arc. She would count "the world well lost" with the success of the cause for which she has fought for forty years. She has nothing to gain personally by its triumph; the gain will be that of countless millions of her sex in all lands, who, in the hour of their rejoicing, will crown her with the pure white crown of immortality, lovingly inscribed, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." And this will suffice her.

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For The Housewife.

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