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A SERMON FOR WOMEN

REV. DR. TALMAGE DESCRIBES THE NEW WOMAN.

He Has Faith In Evangelistic Triumph and Progress In the Right Direction. This Is a Good World For Girls—Mothers Too Often Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Rev. Dr. Talmage took for the subject of today's sermon "A Word With Women," the text for the occasion being the following letter received by the distinguished preacher:

REVEREND SIR—You delivered a discourse in answer to a letter from six young men of Fayette, O., requesting you to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Men." Are we justified in asking you to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Women?"

LETTER SIGNED BY SIX YOUNG WOMEN.

Christ, who took his text from a flock of birds flying overhead, saying, "Behold the fowls of the air," and from the flowers in the valley, saying, "Consider the lilies of the field," and from the clucking of a barnyard fowl, saying, "As a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing," and from a crystal of salt picked up by the roadside, saying, "Salt is good," will grant us a blessing if, instead of taking a text from the Bible, I take for my text this letter from Cincinnati, which is only one of many letters which I have received from young women in New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, London, Edinburgh, and from the ends of the earth, all implying that, having some months ago preached the sermon on "Advice to Young Men," I could not, without neglect of duty, refuse to preach a sermon on "Advice to Young Women."

It is the more important that the pulpit be heard on this subject at this time when we are having such an illimitable discussion about what is called the new woman, as though some new creature of God had arrived on earth or were about to arrive. One theory is that she will be an athlete, and boxing glove and football and pugilistic encounter will characterize her. Another theory is that she will superintend ballot boxes, sit in congressional hall and through improved politics bring the millennium by the evil she will extirpate and the good she will install. Another theory is that she will adopt masculine attire and make sacred a vulgarianism positively horrific. Another theory is that she will be so æsthetic that broom handle and rolling pin and coal scuttle will be pictorialized with tints from soft skies or suggestions of Rembrandt and Raphael.

The New Woman Will Be Good.

Heaven deliver the church and the world from any one of these styles of new woman! She will never come. I have so much faith in the evangelistic triumph and in the progress of all things in the right direction that I prophesy that style of new woman will never arrive. She would hand over this world to diabolism, and from being, as she is now, the mightiest agency for the world's uplifting, she would be the mightiest force for its downthrust.

I will tell you who the new woman will be. It will be the good woman of all the ages past. Here and there a difference of attire, as the temporary custom may command, but the same good, honest, lovely, Christian, all influential being that your mother and mine was. Of that kind of woman was Christian Eddy, who, talking to a man who was so much of an unbeliever he had named his two children Voltaire and Tom Paine nevertheless saw him converted, he breaking down with emotion as he said to her, "I cannot stand you, you talk like my mother." And telling the story of his conversion to 12 companions who had been blatant opposers of religion they asked her to come and see them also and tell them of Christ, and four of them were converted, and all the others greatly changed, and the leader of the band, departing for heaven, shouted: "Joyful! Joyful! Joyful!" If you know any better style of woman than that, where is she? The world cannot improve on that kind. The new woman may have more knowledge because she will have more books, but she will have no more common sense than that which tried to manage and discipline and educate us, and did as well as she could with such unpromising material. She may have more health than the woman of other days, for the sewing machine and the sanitary regulations and added intelligence on the subjects of diet, ventilation and exercise and rescue from many forms of drudgery may allow her more longevity, but she will have the same characteristics which God gave her in paradise, with the exception of the nervous shock and moral jolt of the fall she got that day when, not noticing where she stepped, she looked up into the branches of the fruit tree.

But I must be specific. This letter before me wants advice to young women.

Get Right With God.

Advice the first: Get your soul right with God and you will be in the best attitude for everything that comes. New ways of voyaging by sea, new ways of traveling by land, new ways of thrashing the harvests, new ways of printing books—and the patent office is enough to enchant a man who has mechanical ingenuity and knows a good deal of levers and wheels—and we hardly do anything as it used to be done; invention after invention, invention on top of invention. But in the matter of getting right with God there has not been an invention for 6,000 years. It is on the same line of repentance that David exercised about his sins, and the same old style of prayer that the publican used when he emphasized it by an inward stroke of both hands, and the same faith in Christ that Paul suggested to the jailer the night the penitentiary broke down. Aye, that is the reason I have more confidence in it. It has been tried by more millions than I dare to state lest I come far short of the brilliant facts. All who through Christ earnestly tried to get right with God are right and always will be right. That gives the young woman who gets that position superiority over all rivalries, all jealousies, all misfortunes, all health failings, all social disasters, and all the combined troubles of 80 years, if she shall live to be an octogenarian. If the world fails to appreciate her, she says, "God loves me, the angels in heaven are in sympathy with me, and I can afford to be patient until the day when the imperial chariot shall wheel to my door to take me up to my coronation." If health goes, she says, "I can endure the present distress, for I am on the way to a climate the first breath of which will make me proof against even the slightest discomfort." If she be jostled with perturbations of social life, she can say: "Well, when I begin my life among the thrones of heaven and the kings and queens unto God shall be my associates, it will not make much difference who on earth forgot me when the invitations to that reception were made out." All right with God, you are all right with everything.

This Is a Good World For Girls.

Martin Luther, writing a letter of condolence to one of his friends who had lost his daughter, began by saying, "This is a hard world for girls." It is for those who are dependent upon their own wits, and the whims of the world, and the preferences of human favor, but those who take the Eternal God for their portion not later than 15 years of age, and that is ten years later than it ought to be, will find that while Martin Luther's letter of condolence was true in regard to many, if not most, with respect to those who have the wisdom and promptitude and the earnestness to get right with God, I declare that this is a good world for girls.

Advice the second: Make it a matter of religion to take care of your physical health. I do not wonder that the Greeks deified health and hailed Hygeia as a goddess. I rejoice that there have been so many modes of maintaining and restoring young womanly health invented in our time. They may have been known a long time back, but they have been popularized in our day—lawn tennis, croquet and golf and the bicycle. It always seemed strange and inscrutable that our human race should be so slow of locomotion, when creatures of less importance have powers of velocity, wing of bird or foot of antelope, leaving us far behind, and while it seems so important that we be in many places in a short while we were weighed down with incapacities, and meet men if they run a mile are exhausted or dead from the exhaustion. It was left until the last decade of the nineteenth century to give the speed which we see whirling through all our cities and along the country roads, and with that speed comes health. The women of the next decade will be healthier than at any time since the world was created, while the invalidism which has so often characterized womanhood will pass over to manhood, which by its posture on the wheel is coming to curved spine and cramped chest and a deformity for which another 50 years will not have power to make rescue. Young man, sit up straight when you ride.

Darwin says the human race is descended from the monkey, but the bicycle will turn a hundred thousand men of the present generation in physical condition from man to monkey. For good womanhood, I thank God that this mode of recreation has been invented. Use it wisely, modestly, Christianly. No good woman needs to be told what attire is proper and what behavior is right. If anything be doubtful, reject it. A boydenish, boisterous, masculine woman is the detestation of all, and every revolution of the wheel she rides is toward depreciation and downfall. Take care of your health, O woman; of your nerves in not reading the trash which makes up 99 out of 100 novels, or by eating too many cornucopias of confectionery! Take care of your eyes by not reading at hours when you ought to be sleeping. Take care of your ears by stopping them against the tides of gossip that surge through every neighborhood.

Health! Only those know its value who have lost it. The earth is girdled with pain, and a vast proportion of it is the price paid for early recklessness. I close this thought with the salutation in Macbeth:

> Now good digestion wait on appetite
> And health on both.

Appreciate Your Mother.

Advice the third: Appreciate your mother while you have her. It is the almost universal testimony of young women who have lost mother that they did not realize what she was to them until after her exit from this life. Indeed mother is in the appreciation of many a young lady a hindrance. The maternal inspection is often considered an obstacle. Mother has so many notions about that which is proper and that which is improper. It is astounding how much more many girls know at 18 than their mothers at 45. With what an elaborate argument, perhaps spiced with some temper, the youngling tries to reverse the opinion of the oldling. The sprinkle of gray on the maternal forehead is rather an indication to the recent graduate of the female seminary that the circumstances of today or tonight are not fully appreciated.

What a wise boarding school that would be if the mothers were the pupils and the daughters the teachers! How well the teens could chaperon the fifties! Then mothers do not amount to much anyhow. They are in the way and are always asking questions about postage marks of letters, and asking, "Who is that Mary D.?" and "Where did you form that acquaintance, Flora?" and "Where did you get that ring, Myra?" For mothers have such unprecedented means of knowing everything—they say "it was a bird in the air" that told them. Alas, for that bird in the air! Will not some one lift his gun and shoot it? It would take whole libraries to hold the wisdom which the daughter knows more than her mother. "Why cannot I have this?" "Why cannot I do that?" And the question in many a group has been, although not plainly stated: "What shall we do with the mothers anyhow? They are so far behind the times." Permit me to suggest that if the mother had given more time to looking after herself and less time to looking after you she would have been as fully up to date as you, in music, in style of gait, in asthetic taste and in all sorts of information. I expect that while you were studying botany and chemistry and embroidery and the new opera she was studying household economies. But one day from overwork, or sitting up of nights with a neighbor's sick child, or a blast of the west wind, on which pneumonias are horsed, mother is sick. Yet the family think she will soon be well, for she has been sick so often, and always has got well, and the physician comes three times a day, and there is a consultation of the doctors, and the news is gradually broken that recovery is impossible, given in the words "While there is life there is hope." And the white pillow over which are strewn the locks a little tinted with snow becomes the point around which all the family gather, some standing, some kneeling, and the pulse beats the last throb, and the bosom trembles with the last breath, and the question is asked in a whisper by all the group, "Is she gone?" And all is over.

The Disinterested Friend.

Now come the regrets. Now the daughter reviews her former criticism of maternal supervision. For the first time she realizes what it is to have a mother and what it is to lose a mother. Tell me, men and women, young and old, did any of us appreciate how much mother was to us until she was gone? Young woman, you will probably never have a more disinterested friend than your mother. When she says anything is unsafe or imprudent, you had better believe it is unsafe or imprudent. When she declares it is something you ought to do, I think you had better do it. She has seen more of the world than you have. Do you think she could have any mercenary or contemptible motive in what she advises you? She would give her life for you if it were called for. Do you know of any one else who would do more than that for you? Do you know of any one who would do as much? Again and again she has already endangered that life during six weeks of diphtheria or scarlet fever, and she never once brought up the question of whether she had better stay, breathing day and night the contagion. The graveyards are full of mothers who died taking care of their children. Better appreciate your mother before your appreciation of her will be no kindness to her, and the post mortem regrets will be more and more of an agony as the years pass on. Big headstones of polished Aberdeen, and the best epitaphs which the family put together could compose, and a garland of whitest roses from the conservatory are often the attempt to atone for the thanks we ought to have uttered in living ears, and the kind words that would have done more good than all the calla lilies ever piled up on the silent mounds of the cemeteries.

The world makes applauditory ado over the work of mothers who have raised boys to be great men, and I could turn to my bookshelves and find the names of 50 distinguished men who had great mothers—Cuvier's mother, Walter Scott's mother, St. Bernard's mother, Benjamin West's mother. But who praises mothers for what they do for daughters who make the homes of America? I do not know of an instance of such recognition. I declare to you that I believe I am uttering the first word that has ever been uttered in appreciation of the self denial, of the fatigues and good sense and prayers which these mothers go through who navigate a family of girls from the edge of the cradle to the schoolhouse door, and from the schoolhouse door up to the marriage altar. That is an achievement which the eternal God celebrates high up in the heavens, though for it human hands so seldom clap the faintest applause. My! My! What a time that mother had with those youngsters, and if she had relaxed care and work and advice and solicitation of heavenly help, that next generation would have landed in the poorhouse, idiot asylum or penitentiary. It is while she is living, but never while she is dead, that some girls call their mother "maternal ancestor" or "the old woman."

Divine Sympathy.

And if you have a grief already, and some of the keenest sorrows of a woman's life come early, roll it over on Christ and you will find him more sympathetic than was Queen Victoria, who, when her children, the princes and princesses, came out of the schoolroom after the morning lesson had been given up by their governess and told how her voice had trembled in the morning prayer because it was the anniversary of her mother's death, and that she had put her head down on the desk and sobbed "Mother! Mother!" the queen went in and said to the governess: "My poor child! I am sorry the children disturbed you this morning. I will hear their lessons today, and to show you that I have not forgotten the sad anniversary, I bring you this gift." And the queen clasped on the girl's wrist a mourning bracelet with a lock of her mother's hair. All you young women the world around who mourn a like sorrow, and sometimes in your loneliness and sorrow and loss burst out crying, "Mother! Mother!" put on your wrist this golden clasp of divine sympathy, "As one whom his mother comforteth so will I comfort you."

Advice the fourth: Allow no time to pass without brightening some one's life. Within five minutes' walk of you there is some one in a tragedy compared with which Shakespeare's "King Lear" or Victor Hugo's "Jean Valjean" has no power. Go out and brighten somebody's life with a cheering word or smile or a flower. Take a good book and read a chapter to that blind man. Go up that dark alley and make that invalid woman laugh with some good story. Go to that house from which that child has been taken by death and tell the father and mother what an escape the child has had from the winter of earth into the springtime of heaven. For God's sake make some one happy for ten minutes if for no longer a time. A young woman bound on such a mission—what might she not accomplish! Oh, there are thousands of these manufacturers of sunshine. They are "King's Daughters" whether inside or outside that delightful organization. They do more good before they are 20 years of age than selfish women who live 90, and they are so happy just because they make others happy. Compare such a young woman who feels she has such a mission with one who lives a round of vanities, cardcase in hand, calling on people for whom she does not care except for some social advantage, and insufferably bored when the call is returned, and trying to look young after she is old, and living a life of insincerity and hollowness and dramatization and sham. Young woman, live to make others happy, and you will be happy. Live for yourself, and you will be miserable. There never has been an exception to the rule; there never will be an exception.

I have noticed on many of the railroads that the porter will go around and light the lamps while it is broad daylight, and I am at first surprised, but I afterward find that we are about to enter a tunnel, and its darkness is thus illuminated. Oh, kindle a light for those who are plunging into financial or domestic or spiritual midnight.

The Scale of Life.

Advice the fifth: Plan out your life on a big scale, whether you are a farmer's daughter, or a shepherdess among the hills, or the flattered pet of a drawing room filled with statuary and pictures and bric-a-brac. Stop where you are and make a plan for your lifetime. You cannot be satisfied with a life of frivolity and giggle and indirection. Trust the world, and it will cheat you if it does not destroy you. The Redoubtable was the name of an enemy's ship that Lord Nelson spared twice from demolition, but that same ship afterward sent the ball that killed him, and the world on which you smile may aim at you its deadliest weapon. Be a God's woman. This moment make as mighty a change as did a college student of England. He had neglected his studies, rioting at night with dissipated companions and sleeping in the classroom when he ought to have been listening. A fellow student came into his room one morning before the young man I am speaking of had arisen from his pillow and said to him: "Paley, you are a fool! You are wasting your opportunities. Do not throw away your life." Paley said: "I was so struck with what he said that I lay in bed until I had formed my plan for life. I ordered my fire to be always laid over night. I arose at 5 and read steadily all day, allotted to each portion of the day its proper branch of study and became the senior wrangler." What an hour that was when a resolution definitely placed changed a young man from a reckless and time wasting student to a consecrated man who stopped not until all time and all eternity shall be debtor to his pen and influence!

Clasp Hands With the Almighty.

Young woman, draw out and decide what you will be and do, God helping. Write it out in a plain hand, not like the letters which Josephine received from Napoleon in Italy, the writing so scrawling and scattered that it was sometimes taken as a map of the seat of war. Put the plan on the wall of your room, or write it in the opening of a blank book, or put it where you will be compelled often to see it. A thousand questions of your coming life you cannot settle now, but there is one question you can settle independent of man, woman, angel and devil, and that is that you will be a God's woman now, henceforth and forever. Clasp hands with the Almighty. Pythagoras represented life by the letter Y, because it early divides into two ways. Look out for opportunities of cheering, inspiring, rescuing and saving all the people you can. Make a league with the eternities. I seek your present and everlasting safety. David Brewster said that a comet belonging to our system called Lexell's comet is lost, as it ought to have appeared 13 times and has not appeared at all. Alas, it is not only the lost comets, but the lost stars, and what were considered fixed stars. Some of the most brilliant and steady souls have disappeared. The world wonders at the charge of the Light brigade, immortalized by Tennyson. Only a few of the 600 got back from the charge, under Lord Cardigan, of the Muscovite guns, and all the havoc was done in 25 minutes, the charge beginning at 10 minutes past 11 o'clock, and closing at 35 minutes past 11, and yet nothing left on the field but dying and dead men, dying and dead horses. But a smaller proportion of the men and women who go into the battle of life come out unwounded. The slaughter has been and will be terrific, and we all need God and we need him now and we need him all the time. And let me say there is a new woman, as there is a new man, and that is the regenerated woman made such by the ransacking, transforming, upbuilding, triumphant power of the spirit who is so superior to all other spirits that he has been called for ages the Holy Spirit. Quicker than wheel ever turned on its axis; quicker than fleetest hoof ever struck the pavement; quicker than zigzag lightning ever dropped down the sky, the ransoming power I speak of will revolutionize your entire nature. Then you can start out on a voyage of life, defying both calm and cyclone, saying with Dean Alford:

> One who has known in storms to sail
> I have on board;
> Above the roaring of the gale
> I hear my Lord.
>
> He holds me when the billows smile;
> I shall not fail;
> If short 'tis sharp, if long 'tis light;
> He tempers all.

The Subject Suited.

Visitor—But this portrait of Mr. Bulger is a good deal more than life size?

Artist—I know it. That is the size he thinks he is.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malaria fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and $1 00 per bottle at the Bazaar.

The Salary Grab.

Senator Tillman fought hard to defeat the salary grab, but was unable to stem the tide. The members of the convention are virtually under a contract with the people of South Carolina to serve them for $2 a day. Their repudiation of that contract should be punished by the people. If any man was unwilling to serve for $2 a day he should not have stood for election, as that was the known salary of the position. And the salary grab members selfishly increased their own pay and left out in the cold the clerks and employes who deserved the raise more than they did.—Columbia Register.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth,

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

It is the best of all.

A fresh arrival of fine French candy just received at the Bazaar.

A Peculiar Case.

(From the Record, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Last July the Episcopal hospital admitted a woman whose pale and emaciated face and racking cough proclaimed her the victim of consumption. She gave her name as Mrs. Wm. G. Bowen, residence, 1849 Meighan St., Philadelphia. The case was diagnosed and she was told plainly that she was in an advanced stages of consumption. The examining physician even showed her the sunken place in her breast where the cavity in her lung was supposed to exist. She went home to her family a broken, disheartened woman with death staring her in the face. That was the beginning of the story, the end as told by Mrs. Bowen, who no longer expects to die, to a reporter follows:

"The first symptoms of consumption came in the form of terrible sweats, both night and day. From April until September I was constantly cold and kept wrapped up in blankets through the hottest weather. A terrible cough took possession of me, my breast was sore to the slightest touch, and my limbs were like cold clay. The hardest rubbing with the coarsest towel would not create the slightest flush, and the least exertion would so exhaust me that I could barely gasp for water.

"I went to the hospital in July and they diagnosed my case as above stated. It was when the clouds were the darkest that the first glint of sunshine came. Mr. Shelmerdine, a friend who lives around at 1844 Clementine St., said to me one day, 'Mrs. Bowen did you ever try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People?' I had never heard of the medicine but in my condition could not turn a deaf ear to anything that offered relief. It was after considerable thought and investigation that I concluded to discontinue all the medicine I was taking, including cod liver oil, and depend entirely upon Pink Pills. I began to take the pills, at first with but little encouragement. The first sign of improvement was a warmth and a tingling sensation in my limbs. Finally the cough disappeared, my chest lost its soreness and I began to gain flesh until I was fifteen pounds heavier. All this I owe to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I cannot praise them too highly."

Mrs. Bowen is a lady of middle age, a church member well-known and highly esteemed. She looks today, well and strong and it seems almost impossible that she was ever given up by eminent physicians as an incurable consumptive. Yet such is the case beyond all dispute.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c. per box, or 6 boxes for $2 50.

The New County Ordinance.

After considerable discussion fighting almost over the same ground, and some trying to still extend the limit 9 and 10 miles from the old court houses, &c., on Wednesday the whole article as below, received its third reading and was sent to the committee on style, and revission which finally settled the matter.

Section 1. The General Assembly may from time to time, establish new counties in the following manner: Whenever one-third of the qualified voters within the area of each section of an old county proposed to be cut off to form a new county shall petition the governor for the creation of a new county, setting forth the boundaries and showing compliance with the requirements of this article, the governor shall order an election within a reasonable time thereafter by the qualified voters within the proposed area, in which election they shall vote "yes" or "no" upon the question of creating said county, and at the same election the question of a name and county seat for such county shall be submitted to the electors.

Section 2. If two thirds of the qualified electors voting at such election shall vote "yes" upon such question, then the General Assembly at the next session shall establish such new county: provided, no section of a county proposed to be dismembered shall be thus cut off without consent of a two-thirds vote of those voting in such section and no county shall be formed without complying with all conditions imposed in this article. An election upon the question of forming the same proposed new county shall not be held oftener than once in four years.

Sec. 3. No new county hereafter formed shall contain less than one hundred and twenty fourth part of the whole number of the inhabitants of the State, nor shall it have less assessed taxable property than one and one-half millions of dollars, as shown by the last tax returns, nor shall it contain less than four hundred square miles.

Sec. 4. No old county shall be reduced to less area than 500 square miles, to less assessed taxable property than $2,000,000, nor to a smaller population than 15,000 inhabitants.

Sec. 5. In the formation of new counties no old county shall be cut within eight miles of its county court house.

Sec. 6 All new counties hereafter formed shall bear a just apportionment of the valid indebtedness of the old county or counties from which they have been formed.

Sec. 7. The General Assembly shall have the power to alter county lines at any time; provided, that before any existing county line is altered the question shall be first submitted to the qualified voters of the territory proposed to be taken from one county and given to another and shall have received two-thirds of the vote cast; provided, further, that the change shal not reduced the county from which the territory is taken below the limits prescribed in sections 3 and 4 of this article; provided, that the proper proportions of the existing county indebtedness of the section so transferred shall be assumed by the county to which territory is so transferred.

Sec. 8. No county seat shall be removed except by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified electors of said county voting at such election in an election held for that purpose, but such election shall not be held in any county oftener than once in five years.

Sec. 9. That each county shall constitute an election district.

Sec. 10. The General Assembly may provide for the consolidation of two or more existing counties if a majority of the qualified electors of such counties, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall vote separately therefor, but such election shall not be held oftener than once in four years in the same counties.

Sec. 11. Each of the several townships of this State with names and boundaries as now established by law, shall constitute a body politic and corporate, but this shall not prevent the General Assembly from organizing other townships or changing the boundaries of those already established, and the General Assembly may provide such system of township government as they shall think proper in any and all the counties, and may make special provision for municipal government and for the protection of chartered rights and powers of municipalities.

Sec. 12. Until changed by the General Assembly as allowed by this constitution, the boundaries of the several counties shall remain as they are now established, except that the boundaries of the county of Edgefield shall undergo such changes as are made necessary by the formation of a new county from a portion of Edgefield, to be known as Saluda, the boundaries of which are set forth in a constitutional ordinance.

Sec. 13. The General Assembly may at any time arrange the various counties into judicial circuits and into congressional districts including the county of Saluda, as it may deem wise and proper, and may establish or alter the location of voting precincts in any county.

Right of Suffrage.

Section 1. All elections by the people shall be by ballot and elections shall never be held or the ballots counted in secret.

Sec. 2. Every qualified elector shall be eligible to any office to be voted for, unless disqualified by age, as prescribed in this constitution. But no person shall hold two offices of honor or profit at the same time, except an officer in the militia and a notary public.

Sec. 3. Every male citizen of this State and of the United States, twenty-one years of age and upwards, not laboring under the disabilities named in this constitution, and possessing the qualifications required by it, shall be an elector.

Sec. 4. The qualifications for suffrage shall be as follows:

(a.) Residence in the State for two years, and in the county one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months and the payment six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable: Provided, however, That ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months' residence in the State, if otherwise qualified.

(b.) Registration, which shall provide for the enrollment of every elector once in 10 years, and also an enrollment during each and every year of every elector not previously registered under the provisions of this article.

(c.) Up to January 1st, 1898, all male persons of voting age applying for registration, who can read any section in this constitution submitted to them by the registration officer, or understand and explain it when read to them by the registration officer, shall be entitled to register and become electors. A separate record of all persons registered before January 1st, 1898, sworn to by the registration officer, shall be filed, one copy with the clerk of court and one in the office of the secretary of State, on or before February 1st, 1898, and such persons shall remain during life qualified electors, unless disqualified by the other provisions of this article. The certificate of the clerk of court or secretary of State shall be sufficient evidence to establish the right of said citizens to any future registration and the franchise under the limitation herein imposed.

(d.) Any person who shall apply for registration after January 1, 1898, if otherwise qualified shall be registered: Provided, That he can both read and write any section of this constitution, or can show that he owns and has paid all taxes collectible during the previous year on property in this State assessed at $300 or more.

(e.) Managers of election shall require of every elector offering to vote at any election, before allowing him to vote, proof of the payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed against him and collectible for the previous year. The production of a certificate, or of the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes, shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

(f.) The General Assembly shall provided for issuing to each duly registered elector a certificate of registration, and shall provide for the renewal of such certificate when lost, mutilated or destroyed, if the applicant is still a qualified elector under the provisions of this constitution, or if he has been registered as provided in subsection (c.)

Sec. 5. Any person denied registration shall have the right to appeal to the court of common pleas, or any judge thereof, and thence to the supreme court, to determine his right to vote under the limitations imposed in this article, and on such appeal the hearing shall be de novo; and the General Assembly shall provide by law for such appeal and for the correction of illegal and fraudulent registration, voting and all other crimes against the election laws.

Sec. 6. The following persons are disqualified from being registered or voting:

First—Persons convicted of burglary, arson, obtaining goods or money under false pretense, perjury, forgery, robbery, bribery, adultery, bigamy, wife beating, house breaking, receiving stolen goods, breach of trust with fraudulent intent, fornication, sodomy, incest, assault with intent to ravish, miscegenation and larceny or crimes against the election laws: Provided, That the pardon of the governor shall remove such disqualification.

Second—Persons who are idiots, insane, paupers supported at the public expense, and persons confined in any public prison.

Sec. 7. For the purpose of voting no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence or absence while employed in the service of the United States, nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of this State, or of the United States, or of the high seas, nor while a student of any institution of learning.

Sec. 8. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the registration of all qualified electors, and shall prescribe the manner of holding elections and of ascertaining the results of the same: Provided, At the first registration under this constitution and until the 1st of January, 1898, the registration shall be conducted by a board of three discreet persons in each county, to be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice, and consent of the senate. For the first registration to be provided for under this constitution the registration books shall be

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