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Regarding this Commission as a sacred trust I have endeavored to fulfil it to the best of my ability, with what success the public will judge on reading Part II of this work. An urge comes to me now from within, however, to go a step farther & give to the public of my store of precious memories of the Grimke Family, an urge, which I somehow, ^{feel I} ought not resist, to embrace an opportunity to paint, as I believe I can, the portrait of a truly noble family, a worthy example to set before the youth of any race & for all times, an ideal union of congenial souls & the happiness they actually attained in this life with unselfish & loyal devotion to each other & a genuinely exalted consecration to truth, without any of the glamour either of riches or of preferment & powerful station, but, seeing life & seeing it whole, they, by sheer force of character & a reasoned determination, made it tremendously worth living both for themselves & for others.

The time that others spend at baseball bridge whist
or the golf, ^{at horse races} at the movies or worse at debauchery, in feeble
attempts to laugh off the inevitable by drowning the
sensibilities, he gave to pleasures of the ^{mind & play of the} imagination. He
^{devoted his leisure} to those studies which as the old Roman philosopher
tells us: Give aliment to nourish growth in the young,
recreation & vitalizing the jaded forces of the aged, they are
an ornament to prosperity, a refuge & solace in adversity,
they delight us at home, offer no impediment ^{when} abroad, they are
with us when wanted, in the night watches ^{cheerfully climb into}
^{are ready at call for} ^{the rumble seat for our}
^{by} just plain rusticating.

That lady Fortune gave me a share in these studies, &
these transcendent pleasures with the Grimke family I am
devoutly thankful to the Giver of all Good. The labor of
compiling the account here written is a tribute far too
small to embody the precious memories of bygone days.
And in the morn those angel faces smile
which I have loved long since & lost awhile."

My task is done. The tale is told, To point a moral is
unnecessary. If I ^{have} succeeded in telling the story
a moral here is anticlimax. The reader draws his
own ^{or eleg}. There are those ^{on both sides of the equator} who will persist in
looking only at the Hole in the doughnut, & complain
that it is not ^{all} dough. ^{Others that it is an} ^{in America today} Our feverish mass
production & mass ^{insignificant} ^{ought to be deflated} consumption has brot on us
the distress of mass thinking. We have classified
& labeled mankind (except our own ^{of course}) & are shocked
with resentment when individuals or families happen to
^{float} under our social microscope that do not conform
to type. Races, colors, skulls & noses, have been neatly
catalogued & the proper treatment for each prescribed.

The proper wages, salaries, occupations, & social
privileges. Seats ^{in public places} & breathing spaces ^{on common carriers} grouped with
Checkerboard precision. Magnanimously we allow
them on relief rolls & have no little concern about
their future in relation to population & effect on
vital statistics. But racially being a group ^{part} ^{of} ^{our} ^{country}
we can't conceive of them as a component ^{part} ^{of} ^{our} ^{democratic} ^{civilization}
When we say "We the people" ^{of} ^{the} ^{USA}
we obviously do not mean these folks who ^{have} ^{not} ^{blue} ^{eyes} [&] ^{porncolored} ^{hair} ^{like} ^{ourselves} & with whom we never allow ourselves
or our children to come in contact. Naturally we
expect them to pay their way, to pull their own weight
in the boat, & to be humbly thankful for what they receive.
But it is the White Man's Burden anyway he
looks at it & a fine proof of his superiority that he does
not shirk it. But why not, say I, lay aside the
prejudice ^{against} working with ^{instead of} ^{for} ^{this}
brown man ^{if} ^{his} ^{burden} ^{is} ^{too} ^{light} ^{to} ^{catch} ^{on} [&] ^{lift} ^{wherever} ^{he} ^{has} ^{what} ^{it} ^{takes}.
The family not the individual is the
answer to ^{the} American Problem. The individual
stands in his own boots he sins alone if he is anti-social.
He must be punished ^{apart}, ^{segregated}, ^{confined} to
protect the social organism. But ^{the} families, ^{without}
is built into the social structure [&]
distinction of race, creed, or color ^{forms} ^a ^{component}
part of that organism. ^{As} ^{such} ^{is} ^{responsible} ^{for} ^{its}
health & growth, bound to contribute to its steady prog-
ress gratified at its success, ^{hurt} ^{by} ^{its} ^{short} ^{comings}
& fully committed by every tie & obligation to work for
the realization of its ideals. It is thus I have conceived
the Grimké family as worthy promoters of the advancement

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The desperate flight of Europe at the moment
is a ^{profiting} ~~trading~~ object lesson ^{to a wicked world} on the madness ^{happening}
wrought by race & class prejudice. It can
happen here. The finest civilization the world has
yet evolved, the most intelligent nation on earth
can so intensify its hates & so brood over its superior-
^{ness} ~~ity~~ as to become a maniacal fury of destruction
ending in its own holocaust, ^{with} obliteration even of
its own most precious achievements.
Differences are only skin deep on environment-born
It is the height of unwise to make them into dragons
teeth of devastation & ruin.

No race no class should be embittered & antagonized
by being thrust outside the pale & placarded ^{on God's earth} unwanted.
The question is not what shall "We" do with the
Negro but what can the Negro do for this Country
by intelligent cooperation & loyal service
with all other patriotic citizens.