The voice of innocence
from Vanessa

The continent of wickedness which
manifested itself in such horrible effron-
tery in the trial of Osborn, of Boston,
for standing President Hyrum, and the
murders of the city of Nauvoo, has awak-
ened all the kindly feelings of female leni-
ence, compassion, and pity, for the poor
sex. I deplore for the Incorruptible of youth.

And the victims of characters of the
vicious, Brother, sister, and daughter
of Nauvoo, that they may be protected
from the blinding gleam of debauched
wagabonds, and fiends, who have
shammed themselves into an earth to give
a strange fire at the shining of infamy,
disgrace, and degradation, as they
and their kindred spirits have done
in all the great cities throughout
the world! Corrupting their ways in
the castle, and bringing woman, poor
female, whom he slightings and
wrong!

As such ignoble blood now begins to stain
the peaceable habitation of the Saints, they tend
the home of the early city in the world
not pretend, to work righteousness in union,
as the Sire quae mora, bona, nesciant, glory.
And salvation! and, as such ungodly witchery, burning, tormenting with the sting of their own shame, have doubtfully transported with them, some of the miserable depths of their licentious excess, in the purpose of defiling the 'sacred virtue of the virtuous, and promiscuous, and common.'

The virtue of our Mother; the purity of our Father; the passion and purity of our Husband, and for the shrill cry of our dear children, to subdue such an outrage upon the dignity of society; under a death to thought such a death blow at the hollow marriage covenant, and to ward off such persecution, such effusion of blood, such infamats and inheritors, that in every family, in every home, there be the man that keeps up sacred virtue! there be the man that pleads for a woman: for the rightness, integrity, of innocence. And virtue upon grace.
is it not female virtue and valor enough in this city to let such mean mean be, or is the not, that the sexton may carry these precious bodies beyond the limits of the city? for food for virtue and ease? Before them, female courtesie, their own family and friends. That speaks to such a tender heart, to raise the means that will cherish them, and raise the classes that may stand from the dignity of this noble place, to plead for them. The Apostles is as man as the men.
female virtue is a jewel of great price, and plenteous glitter in the shades of men, as in the mansions of kings, for the glory and honor of theirs whose image the men and those who are next to them, and every attempt of man to destroy that virtue is next to murder, a robbery that cannot be restored if man survive from the rule of mightiness.

"Ruin enemies, reproach and shame, one false step leads her fame.
And vain the effort for a flight;
In vain she pleads life before God;
With tears the maid in anguish see:
Till God says: "Not that alone.""

Many of the distinguished females of Cameroon have added to their present maturation through perseverance, struggle, and battle, robbed and punished, and bereaved of husbands and children by the combined power of priests and spiritual wielding in high places, but none of these
piercing calamity of Man together. The deepest of a thousand bitter scenes, made the one success of Dr. T. Toddwick. That "he cannot take a
half a bushel meal and get what accommodation he wants with almost any
woman in the city."

It is to the wretched that can they fall. The
tear-stained faces, mothers of despair, in
their humble cases, canst ascend this
heaven above the streets of Nauvoo, no
one may imagine, with impunity! I went
to the Man, the lawyer, that satisfied himself
by licking that bird as he tempted to debate
such a rotten creature's rights to
the sympathy of any being kind-natured.

Has any man a mother in this city? I
say, clear the earth from the door: they
are a higher.threatened with the
dreadful heart of God, that they may not worry
the people, nor kill the Lamb. Had any
man a wounded mother humanity sees
to maintain him—thy mother, a poor
poor, lonely: The poor Mary—Mammon's
voice of reason campels him to claim
thetem of a wife in the proper home.

Has any man visiting? The good of his
kindred will lie to him that will think;
and let the whole virtuous female population
of the city, with one voice, declare that, the degrading the stature of female character, or of the character of the head of this family, or of any husband, by the prostitute, or their friends, whether in their character of stile, lawyer, doctor, or citizen, shall have no place in our towns, in our affections, in our society, or wherever it may be.

Resolved, that Joseph Drury, the mayor of the city, be tendered the best of honor and respects for the able and manly manner in which he defended and instructed in the late trial of a gentleman for murdering a man in the business of a porter in the city, and almost all the women of the city, unqualifiedly.

Resolved, that any person who shall be convicted of any violation of this resolution, the conduct of any man or woman, whether in word or deed, that reflects on his honor, shall be prosecuted under the same laws and duties of the same as he who, through motive, wisdom, vice, and duty of the same persons, have borne an esteem and standing and hardships brought on by virtue, and many circumstances, as well as the honor of the bond, ought to close the life of such a person.
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SEOND
MEETING OF THE SOCIETY 1844
Room Over Brick Store Mach 16
10 OClock A.M.

Meeting Opend with singing.
Prayer by Prest Emma Smith.

Mrs. Prest. then arose and address'd the Meeting upon the Necssity of being
united amoung ourselves and strengthing each others hands in ardor that we may be
able to do much good amoung the poor. - again read the Epistle in Defence of the
Virtues Female part of the community of Nauvoo exhorted them to cleanse thier hearts
and Ears and Said the time had come when we Must throw the Mantle of Charity
round to Sheld those who will repent and do so no more. Spoke of J. C. Bennets
Spiritual Wife System. that some taught it as the Doctrine of B Joseph - She advis'd all
to abide the Book of Mormon - Dr Coven'ts &c. them read that Epistle of President J.
Smith, written in this Book of Record - Meeting then closed to reopen - 12 Oclock

One OClock Meeting caled to order Pres Emma Smith again adressed the
Society Read Booth the former Epistles - Desired none should lift their hand or Voice;
to adopt the principles unless they where willing to Maintain their integrity through time &
Eternity Said thease contain the principles. the Society Started upon; but was sorry to
have to say (p. 126) all had not adhere'd to them again exhorted to follow the teachings
of Preside J Smith - from the Stand - Said their could not not be Stronger Language
used than that just Read - and that wat these are the words of B. Joseph her Husband
&c. Said she wanted to see a reformation in Booth Men & Women - also exhorted to
look after the poor - also to examin the conduct of their Leaders of this Society - that
you may sit in judgement on their heads - and said if their ever was any Authority on
the Earth she had it - and had yet - Prest. E. S. closed her remarks by saying she
should like to have all the Society present to gether - she said it was her intention to
present the Officers of the Society for fellowship - when a place can be obtaind that all
can be present -

Meeting ajou until a suitable place can be obtaind

H. M. Ells
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The following Names were Recc'd
Sophia, M. Burgess
Hariet Hamilton
Sarah Gabbit
Mary C Allen
Jane Roadback
Ammy Chase
Sarah M Jhonson
Chastina Hollylike
Marina M Green
Lucy Merill
Cyantha Osborn
Maryann Greenhouch

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Seliana Ward
Rushton Margrett
Eliza Odercork
C Elmira Babitt
Adelia Bently
Clarrisia Hught(?)
Mary Grove
Cathrine Haty
Harriet Pixson
Mary Robins
Orpha Davies

Diana Cole
Mary Cole
Rooana Marks
Adelia Cole
Charlotte Portor

Mary A. Rilands
Eliza Booth
Sarah Sheffild
Ann Pine
Mary A Yearsley