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## AN APPRECIATION OF IDA CALLERY

In the radiant flush of matured and ripened womanhood, standing hopefully on the threshold of a life career filled with infinite and glowing promise that was just beginning to attain its most bountiful fruition, with eager hands ready to serve unendingly and an eager heart ready to sacrifice unstintingly in a great cause, Ida Callery was helplessly stricken and tragically taken from our midst. This noble woman is dead and her body has been consigned to peaceful and painless rest, but her magnificent memory will live as long as the mind of man is capable of appreciating true nobility of character and true worth of achievement.

For Ida Callery, despite her untimely death, achieved much of lasting worth and revealed the nobility of her character in the nature of the achievements toward which her whole energy was steadfastly directed.

Ida Callery's life was beautifully and wholly devoted to the working class and the supreme exalted purpose that ruled her life and consistently influenced her actions was the real advancement of humanity. Born of the working class and early recognizing that it was chiefly among this class that the oppressed and sorely burdened of earth were found, it was to the liberation of her class that her life was loyally consecrated and it was in the service of her class that all of the fine idealism, devotion and love of liberty and justice in her nature found its passionate and sublime expression. Never has there been a more sincere and whole-hearted consecration of a human life to a great cause than that given freely, gladly and unreservedly by Ida Callery to the cause of the oppressed workers of the world, the cause of human brotherhood upon earth.

The same unselfish ambition to serve humanity and her class that guided completely her life prompted Ida Callery to take up the study and later the practice of law. She saw the workers, the poor and friendless, made the helpless victims of injustice because they had no friend to plead their cause and she characteristically resolved that she would fit herself to be a pleader for these friendless ones. And with characteristic energy and purpose once she had arrived at this great decision upon which with the ardor and generosity of her nature she staked her life's full future, she plunged without delay into the arduous and really formidable task of preparing herself for the large career she had resolved upon. In a short time she mastered the intricacies of a profession that many require years to grasp and was admitted as an attorney fully equipped to practice in the courts of the state, ready to enter the legal battle for the protection of her class.

The law office of the Callerys soon became a haven for the poor people who needed assistance and advice, which Ida Callery and her splendid husband Phil were ever ready to give and without charge, freely as Christ gave his life to humanity; no one in distress was ever turned away or received coldly by the Callerys, but always their tales of tribulation were listened to with genuine sympathetic attention, their needs administered to and their rights looked after regardless of whether there was a legitimately earned fee or not. There is hardly a day that goes by when their office