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## HEADED FOR THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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ATHER Thomas E. Sherman, son of the late General William T. Sherman, in an address at Pullman, Ill., has just delivered himself on Socialism as follows:

"Marx believed that man and woman are equal socially, and that there is no need of letting the weaker vessel take care of the home and busy herself with domestic cares. He believed that man and woman should be related to each other according to convenience. That is what Socialism stands for. No decent American dare face his friends and uphold such a vile theory."

Which means that the "Rev." Thomas still holds to that canonical principle promulgated by one of the councils of his creed to the effect that woman has no soul. It also means that this "Rev." holds that "man and woman should be related to each other according to INCONVENIENCE." It finally means that the overwhelming majority of this nation, which hold to none of these views; who relegate these views to the age when the thumbscrew was applied to Galileo, the faggot to Bruno and the loco-foco to Joan of Arc; and who have been legislating more and more along the lines of the absolute social equality of man and woman, and that man and woman are on this earth, not to pine and inconvenience one another, but to bring the kingdom of heaven on earth, are all "indecent"!

It is now about eight years ago when, addressing (or was it chaplaining?) the veterans of the Army of Tennessee, this identical disciple of the Prince of Peace suggested that his father's former soldiers march into Rhode Island and wrench his father's statue from a Trades Union whose "un-American conduct," of wishing to enforce the Biblical principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire, was causing some delay in the setting up of the statue.

Father Thomas E. Sherman had better be taken in charge by his friends. He is heading for the lunatic asylum.

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