

turns in holding the more commanding position of president, and the harder working one of secretary, and never think of equalizing things by daubing both with the same name, as one must always have the authority and honor, just as ever must be the case with our clerks and assistant clerks in Meetings and First-day schools. The magnanimity of Friends counts for naught in calling an assistant-clerk—clerk. Let all positions be known by their true titles and significance. It was one of the queer experiences of mine to become accustomed to the unequal distribution of honors after leaving a place where the two sexes travelled hand in hand in all matters of importance pertaining to both. Since hearing so much said about desiring this equality in this quarter, I realize either our women are very inferior, or our men very superior, because women seldom, if ever, hold the more important position in the Meetings and Societies of Friends in this section. I have concluded the men are superior, and am perfectly satisfied, because my motto is: "Let ability and general fitness be the cry, and not sex, which will ever hold its own individuality in the true man and in the true woman.

The home influence of our college need not be dwelt upon, and its vast influence for good to all mankind, because the name of Elizabeth Powell Bond, Dean, spiritual and moral adviser, is a synonym for all that is good and pure, giving a high-minded and ennobling atmosphere, which can but make everyone the better for coming in contact with it, and arousing in all their best qualities.

I know some are within my hearing who will not agree with the sentiment voiced by this paper, but it is the honest opinion of one passing through both the preparatory and college departments, and one not brilliant in her studies, or a model in behavior, either of which would have a tendency to prejudice me against the authorities, being frequently reprimanded in both.

After asking you to consider a few questions, I leave you to your own views, and they are: That you familiarize yourself with the methods of the Faculty and Board before censuring them. That you judge not the character of her pupils by two or three you may chance to know, but take the aggregate. It would be unfair in this meeting to say she supported some barbarous sport, because several members, or one prominent, should do so. Then, too, don't accuse her by a pupil spending only one or two years there. You would not want to be judged by the result of a taken or adopted child in so comparatively short a time, taking in consideration the intervening months of vacations, and the circumstances surrounding these vacations.

Swarthmore College, instead of being nurtured and loyally supported by the Society which gave her birth, has oftentimes been unkindly treated. 'Tis admitted she has her faults. I know her alumni would join me in asking you to help correct them and raise our alma mater to the highest standard among colleges, not universities, and make her the recognized champion of learning, honor and truth. Swarthmore *is* a benefactor to its Society by promulgating the true and original Quaker doctrine—shorn of the doctrinal ornaments—which in later years has robbed it of its simplicity and too often prevented that fundamental principle, the Inner Light, from shining in all its splendor. She is not only making half-hearted Friends earnest and whole-souled workers in the Society, but is gaining new recruits. She is annually presenting us with graduates of a strong moral character, going out in life to battle evil in not one, but all its forms, and who will not borrow from the reputation of our ancestors, but live and work in the light of the present day, as our forefathers did in theirs. She is the exponent of our principles, and with your encouragement and support, will erect a monument to our Society, which time can never destroy.