

"To to yourselves suffice,  
Without his flatteries;  
Self-contentedly approve you  
Unto him who sits above you.

"In prayers that upward mount,  
Like to a sacred fount;  
And, in gathering back upon you,  
Bring the music they have won you.

"In thanks for all the good  
By poets under food—  
For the sound of *seraphs* moving  
Through the hidden depths of loving!

"For sights of things away,  
Through figures of the clay,—  
Promised things, which *shall* be given  
And sung ever up in heaven!

"For life, so loudly vain,  
For death, which breaks the chain,—  
For this sense of present sweetness,  
And this yearning to completeness!"

## Female Suffrage.

The following striking and eloquent remarks are from "*Suggestions on Education*," by Miss Catherine M. Beecher:

"Woman has been but little aware of the high incitements that should stimulate to the cultivation of her noblest powers. The world is no longer to be governed by physical force, but by the influence which mind exerts over mind. How are the great springs of action in the political world put in motion? Often by the secret workings of a single mind, that in retirement plans its schemes and comes forth to execute them only by representing motives of prejudice, passions, self-interest or pride, to operate on other minds. Now the world is generally governed by motives that men are ashamed to own. When do we find mankind acknowledge that their efforts in political life are the off-springs of pride, and the desire of aggrandizement; and yet who hesitates to believe this is true?"

But there is a class of motives that men are not only willing but proud to own. Man does not willingly yield to force; he is ashamed to own that he can yield to fear; he will not acknowledge his motives of pride, prejudice, or passion. But none are unwilling to own that they can be governed by reason; even the worst will boast of being regulated by conscience; and where is the person who is ashamed to own the influence of the kind and generous emotions of the heart? Here then is the only lawful field

for the ambition of our sex. Woman in all her relations is bound to 'honour and obey' those on whom she depends for protection and support, nor does the truly feminine mind desire to exceed this limitation of heaven. But where the dictates of authority may never control, the voice of reason and affection may ever convince and persuade; and while others govern by motives that mankind are ashamed to own, the dominion of woman may be based on influences that the heart is proud to acknowledge.

And if it is indeed the truth that reason and conscience guide to the only path of happiness, and if affection will gain a hold on these powerful principles which can be attained no other way, what high and holy motives are presented to woman for cultivating her noblest powers. The development of the reasoning faculties, the fascinations of a purified imagination, the eagerness of a cultivated taste, the quick perceptions of an active mind, the power of exhibiting truth and reason by perspicuous and animated conversation and writing—all these can be employed by woman as well as by man. And with these attainable facilities for gaining influence, woman has already received from her Mother those warm affections and quick susceptibilities, which can most surely gain the empire of the heart.

Woman has never waked to her highest destinies and holiest hopes. She has yet to learn the purifying and blessed influence she may gain and maintain over the intellects and affections of the human mind. Though she may not teach from the pulpit, in her secret retirements she may form and send forth the sages that shall govern and renovate the world. Though she may not gird herself for the bloody conflict, nor sound the trumpet of war, she may enwrap herself in the panoply of heaven, and send the thrill of benevolence through a thousand youthful hearts. Though she may not enter the list in legal collision, nor sharpen her intellect amid the passions and conflicts of men, she may teach the law of kindness, and hush up the discords and conflicts of life. Though she may not be clothed as the ambassador of heaven, nor minister at the altar of God, as a secret angel of mercy, she may teach its will, and cause to ascend the humble but most accepted sacrifice."