

hood is the most highly developed of her sex; she it is who has traveled along the right lines of progress; she it is whose education has been the highest. Though her nature never undergo the test, she who is most fitted for this marvelous function is the fittest of women in all life's other womanly functions." This statement is based upon the fact that the best motherhood is of paramount importance in the progress of the race, and that upon the wisest performance of its duties, the future of humanity depends. The author's observation and experience have satisfied her that an education which affords full development and cultivation of all the faculties, leaving no reserve power, can only have a bad effect upon the offspring whose vitality is thereby reduced and their resources exhausted, that the incessant strain of business, of professional life, or of active social exertion during the months preceding the birth of the child, must necessarily involve the expenditure of nervous forces essential to the growth of the embryo, and in consequence the child is born with an impaired constitution, physically, mentally and morally.

Noting the well known fact of embryology that the organism in its evolution before birth passes through all the phases from the lowest to the highest through which man has passed in acquiring his human characteristic, Dr. Kenealey says: "By analogy we may conclude that the child passes later through the stages of development man has assumed since he became distinctly human. It is not difficult then to imagine supposing the maternal power to fail, that the child's evolution may stop short, its human development be arrested on a lower plain, and an inferior type—antecedent to the age in which it is born—may be brought into existence. We are too ready to consider that if a child be born of strong constitution, the mother has fulfilled her duties; but supposing the child to be a healthy specimen only of a type lower than its parents, is there not, in fact, a further failure of parental responsibility than takes place when a child more sickly in constitution, yet morally superior is produced." The intimate relation between the mother and child is shown by the fact the woman often remains healthy so long only as the children to which she