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do you know what they are going to do? There are communities, especially in foreign settlements from which girls have come and found positions in cheap restaurants. Some are no older than twelve, though after they have been here a week or so they know enough to say they are fourteen. I would like to ask some of our women to visit Chinese restaurants and note the extreme youth of the girls who help there. Of course there is a factory act. Has it ever been signed? At any rate it would be a splendid work for the women's organizations in the country to keep the girls of the early teen age in the country, unless they know they will be in a safe environment in their work in the city.

Women could co-operate kindly with the tired mother of teen age girls who find the struggle hard.

Oh, there is such a need of better home influence where girls are battling against unpleasant surroundings. Four years ago a beautiful girl came to me. She was full of energy and ambition, but her mother scolded and nagged continually and she could not stay at home. Last week she was arrested. The greatest need to-day is good homes. Women are needed all the time to keep the home love burning. Weakness in home life sends our boys and girls to the courts. It may be old fashioned—this mothering business—but it is necessary for the welfare of our country.

"I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last,
The form I gave it, still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him never more."

Another Problem

A question was handed me the other day: "How can I bring Christ into my pleasures?" What is pleasure? We find this answer: "The gratification of the senses of the mind; agreeable sensations and emotions; the excitement and happiness produced by the expectation or the enjoyment of something good, delightful or satisfying."

There is a difference between pleasure and dissipation. Pleasure strengthens us—dissipation weakens us.

What is dissipation? Indulgence that wastes the mind and body. We are apt to confuse the two.

I know girls who mistook dissipation for pleasure and they are wrecks at eighteen—old, weak and useless.

I know women of eighty who understood the meaning of pleasure. They are keen, active, bright and happy. A woman of eighty recently took a course at college.

Col. James L. Smith is seventy-three years old. He can run ten miles in seventy-five minutes. He is absolutely sound in body and mind. We all like to live long—let us study the pleasures, then, that will increase our strength and vitality. There is no thought that is good in the mind but soon looks good in the face. "Heart qualities are artists that work, indeed behind the screen, yet at last they strike through the canvas and become manifest in the facial illumination." Doctor Hillis says: "Women that are so long inured to vice and crime that sinful thoughts within have so disposed of the facial tissue without as that the countenance has in it something of the wolf, and something of the imp, and something of the crawling serpent."

It is true, indeed, that "Beautiful faces are those that wear—It matters little if dark or fair—Whole-souled honesty printed there. Beautiful eyes are those that show, Like crystal panes, where earth fires glow, Beautiful thoughts that burn below."

In the business world to-day employers are making a study of faces and features. They are employing professionals in that line to select their help. Dr. Blackwood has led the way in this particular pro-

fession. She is now training thousands in the study of facial features.

There has never been a time when faces were studied as they are now. Let us not indulge in dissipation that will weaken us. Positions will not be so easy to get or hold as they have been. It will be a survival of the fittest.

Knowledge is not only power but happiness because it is the best protection a girl can have. It means efficiency. It helps us to see the difference between pleasure and dissipation. Beautiful flowers cannot flourish in a weedy, muddy soil; neither can beautiful thoughts flourish in a weedy, muddy mind. In order to understand the meaning of pleasure we must first understand the meaning of love. That brings us near God.

If we cannot feel the Christian spirit in our recreation the atmosphere is not safe.

If my companion or friend is safe he or she will inspire me—will make me feel stronger and happier—if he or she is not safe I will feel poisoned and mean. This is the test. Dissipation is a sign of selfishness. Pleasure is a sign of unselfishness. I wish we had more community pleasures and less "pairing off."

"How can I take Christ into my pleasures?"—Dear girl, let me answer by asking another question: "How can I leave Christ out of my pleasures?"

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