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KINGDOM OF WOMANHOOD

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**A**MONG the principalities and powers at present contending for the body of this planet there is one that was not born of human lust of dominion, but out of the deep, deep heart of absolute purity.

Rising out of those distant æons of time impossible of computation by human methods, the kingdom of womanhood dates co-evally with all loveliness and truth, which never had beginning and which shall never end.

Not one ruler alone holds sway over this kingdom, for every woman born into the world is a queen by right of her womanhood, and the lustre of her crown and the extent of her sovereignty depend on the character of her ideals and the energy and persistence with which she seeks their practical embodiment.

But the kingdom of womanhood is not as mighty a power among the nations of the earth, nor is the increase of its government as beneficent in its effect upon the human race, as would be consistent with the happy conditions of its birth.

This is because, while the growing complexity of life's conditions demands an ever more intimate knowledge of, and closer adherence to, the first principles of