

foibles of the sex ; but because there are in your keeping, young women, such vast opportunities, such princely fortunes, which you may either squander worse than recklessly, or use for the enrichment of the world, would I address you. Will you not give heed to these thoughts which, I pray, may do something toward building up in each of you an earnest Christian womanhood ?

In passing, and since we have been speaking of the poets' view, let us notice the change that, during the centuries, has come over the writers who have turned their attention to you (and there is scarcely one who has not done so). It is a most encouraging sign. Juvenal informs us that "there are few disputes in life which do not originate with a woman," and Plautus that "a woman finds it much easier to do ill than well," and that "women have many faults, but of the many this is the greatest, that they please themselves too