

The world will not soon be made better through woman's influence, as a lecturer, debater, or propagandist. She has failed in her work, and is likely ever to fail, in seeking to sway opinion, and create a new public sentiment through appeals to the matured understanding. How different the result when limiting her efforts to the powers conferred and the materials given her to work with! In the home circle she is all-potent. "Home, sweet home, is her theatre of action, her pedestal of beauty and throne of power, or, if seen abroad, she is seen to the best advantage when on errands of love and wearing her robe of mercy." Her plastic hand is stretched forth, and lo, forms of beauty grow under it, instinct with celestial life. Surrounded with young immortals, she is called to the honorable and holy office of educating them *through love* for a life of eternal usefulness. A mother's love can never be forgotten. A wayward son may wander far from home and indulge in many vices, but the soft and tender voice of a kind and gentle mother that once fell upon his ear may win him back.

Children are as olive plants and should be tenderly cared for. They should never be scolded or shamed under any circumstance, but soberly and quietly reprov'd. Neither should they be reprov'd before others. The suffering of such treatment is acute; it hurts self-respect and awakes in their bosoms malignant feelings. "A child is defenceless; he is not allowed to argue. He is often tried, condemned, and punished in a moment. He finds himself of little use. He is put at things he does not care for, and withheld from things which he does like. He is made the convenience of grown up people; is hardly supposed to have any rights, except in a corner, as it were; is sent hither and thither; made to get up or sit down for everybody's convenience but his own; is snubbed and catechised until he learns to dodge government and elude authority, and then be whipped for being 'such a liar that no one can believe you.'"

We refer to these things because they illustrate a too common and fatal error in the management of children. It is the duty of parents to punish their children for wrong doing; but, the parent who strikes or even chides a child in anger frustrates the true design of parental correction, and is unfit to be trusted with a parent's responsibilities. Whatever the meed of punishment due a child, no parent can be justified in judging of the delinquency under the influence of anger. Their duty is, "Speak not in reproof; lift no chastening rod till your anger has thoroughly cooled; wait, if need be, till the quietude and solemnity of evening when the business and play of the day are ended. Be grave, be deliberate; explain the nature of the misconduct, and show that love and not revenge, impels you to punish. Thus will you awaken the child's conscience, and win it to your side. With penitential feelings and purposes of amendment, the little offender will fall asleep, and awake with a warmer filial affection, and strengthened desire to do right." Parents who adopt this principle in the correction of their children may safely look for a blessing to accompany the discharge of the duty of chastisement, however painful, satisfied that they are following the example of our Divine Parent, who deferred visiting our first parents, who had transgressed in Eden, until "the cool of the day."

Mothers think of these things, and however heavy the sceptre you