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#### A CLOSING WORD.

In closing this series, may it be emphasized once more, that it is not an unimportant matter to consider colorings and furnishings. We are affected more than we realize by our surroundings, and although we should give the cultivation of our minds and affections the first place in our ordering of things, we should not forget that a reasonable proportion of our time and thought should be given to other things, that, indeed, for the very sake of those minds which we would cultivate, either in ourselves or in our children, and of those affections which we would wish to have clinging about the old home. We should study color and harmony and good taste, however little the things we choose may cost, throwing out everything that is vulgar or loud in coloring. A plain room, with a cleanscrubbed floor, a few hooked mats, clean white curtains at the windows, a couple of good prints on the wall, and plenty of flowers, may be very home-like and attractive, while an expensively-furnished one, say with red carpet, green wallpaper, an over-supply of meaningless bric-a-brac, hideous pictures, and cushions in every color of the rainbow, may be a perfect nightmare. Now, do you catch

Our own personality, of course, must be expressed, but we must see that that personality has found a right basis upon which to start.

In proof of the contention that colorings and surroundings influence character, may we refer to an article, "The Psychological Effects of Color," by H. A. Bruce, which appeared not long ago in The Outlook. The writer quotes from Dr. Louis Waldstein, a student of such problems :

"The refined tastes and joyous dispositions of the children in a family with whom I often come in contact," says the doctor, "was a matter of some surprise to me, as I could not account for the common trait among them by the position or special characteristics of the parents. They were in the humblest position socially, and all but poor. My first visit to their modest house furnished me with the natural solution, and gave me much food for reflection.

"The children—there were six—occupied two rooms into which the sunlight was pouring as I entered; the remaining rooms of the apartment were sunless for the greater part of the day; the color and design of the cheap wall paper were cheerful and unobtrusive; bits of carpet, the table-cover, and the coverlets on the beds.

were all in harmony and of quiet design. Everything in these poor rooms of poor people had been chosen with the

In other words, poor though they were the parents had contrived to give their children a material environment rich in cultural suggestions."

So that, whether the money to be spent in the home be much or little, the thought and imagination that go with the spending, are well worth while,

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