

sending daughters into the kitchen some half dozen times, to weary the cook, and to boast of, the next day in the parlor. I mean two or three years spent with a mother, assisting her in her duties, instructing brothers and sisters, and taking care of their own clothes. This is the way to make them happy as well as good wives; for being early accustomed to the duties of life, they will set lightly as well as gracefully upon them.

But what time do modern girls have for the formation of quiet domestic habits?—Until sixteen they go to school; sometimes these years are judiciously spent, and sometimes they are half wasted; too often they are spent in acquiring the *elements* of a thousand sciences, without being thoroughly acquainted with any; or in a variety of accomplishments of very doubtful value to people of moderate fortune; as soon as they leave school, (and sometimes before,) they begin a round of balls and parties, and staying with gay young friends. Dress and flattery take up all their thoughts. What time have they to learn to be useful? What time to cultivate the still and gentle affections, which must in every situation of life, have such an important effect on a woman's character and happiness?

As far as parents can judge what will be a daughter's station, education should be adapted to it; but it is well to remember it is always easy to know how to spend riches, and always safe to know how to bear poverty.

A superficial acquaintance with such accomplishments as music and drawing is useless and undesirable. They should not be attempted unless there is taste, talent and time enough to attain excellence. I have frequently heard young women of moderate fortune say "I have not opened my piano these five years. I wish I had employed as much time in learning useful things; I should have been better fitted for the care of my family,"

By these remarks I do not mean to discourage attention to the graces of life.—Gentility is always lovely in all situations. But good things carried to excess, are often productive of bad consequences. When accomplishments and dress interfere with the duties and permanent happiness of life, they are unjustified.