

when one is looking for anything, and to join with alacrity in the search; to carry, unasked, a fan to one who is heated, or draw up an easier chair for one who is tired; to bring the father's hat or slippers; to pick up what is dropped; to help mother to keep house"—in short to do any little act of kindness that is in their power. Teach them that true courtesy "is real kindness kindly expressed," and that the first and highest law of good manners is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "An intelligent child, taught always to be kindly to others, to cultivate the mind, so as to have in reserve suitable themes for conversation, and to be able to take part in discussing the ordinary topics of the day, with keen intelligence will note the numberless little acts and politenesses which make up good manners, and will cultivate them without mannerisms or affectations. The first examples and teachers of good manners should be parents, and the child should consider its home the first and finest place where it can put in practice the courtesies of life."

"If we want anything of our children, or our servants, we should not, merely because we have the authority to command, give a bold order; but why not use the gentle 'Please,' 'Will you do this?' 'I should like you to do that,' 'Oblige me with that.' When service is rendered, we are not to take it in silence, curtly, rudely, because we have a right to the service; but it is easy to say, 'Thanks,' or 'I am obliged,' or 'Oh, that is very nicely done.' These little every-day courtesies are called the small change of life; but we should be badly off in trade if we had no small change, and must always deal with twenty dollar bills; while the small change mounts up to the great sum in a lifetime. If parents have plenty of this small change of politeness on hand, it will be put in circulation in the family: the children will pay it out to each other, to servants, to playmates, and with it family peace and family affection will be largely purchased." "Home is the place where true politeness tells." "If my children get angry with each other," said a christian father, "I at once make them all sit down and sing together in unison some pleasant hymn or song; its soothing effect is magical, they forget their little quarrels and go kindly to their sports again." "To make home attractive, affection must lighten every load and sweeten every bitter cup; the music of a child's laugh should be there; hand must be clasped in hand; forbearance, fidelity, and truth must guard every avenue, and love share every toil and pain. Prayer and song should resound within the walls, and Christ be a welcome guest beneath the roof. So shall the live long day be radiant with gladness; in the darkest hour sunshine will irradiate the gloom, and life itself will be a sweet, holy psalm, sung in a wilderness of conflict and of toil."

"All, whether as husband and wife, parent and child, brethren and sisters, are to do all they can for one another; and, if need be, to die for one another. They are, in all the circumstances of life, to seek each other's holiness, usefulness and happiness. It is affecting to behold—for the same has occasionally been witnessed—a true family; one established and conducted on the Divine basis. No one seeks his own, to the exclusion of another's good; but on the contrary, in lowliness of mind, each esteems the others better than himself. Is there a privation to be undergone? Each prefers to bear the burden, if, by so doing, the rest