

and the left. Let its inmates, man or woman—nay, but one of them—be subdued to the obedience of faith, and a mightier work is done than when Sebastopol fell. Yes, and the fame of those deeds shall have died, and the page which records them shall cease to be read, oh, these mighty works of love and humanity will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Such, gentlemen, in my apprehension, is woman's sphere in Christian society—such the influence she is fitted and designed to exert. At home looking well to the ways of her household, in the Church keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. And like your Elizabeths and Marys, and Marthas and Doreases, walking in all the commandments of the Lord, blameless, and in the world like the Master going about doing good—instructing the ignorant, reclaiming the wandering, befriending the orphan in his homelessness, and watching him in the home in which in her mercy she found him. Like the Saviour, when he was on earth, healing the sick and binding up those who are broken in heart, frowning intemperance from her own special domain, and doing her best to shut up every haunt of lewdness and of lust.

Ye Christian maids and matrons, whom I love in the truth, here is your allotted work,—work which is twice blessed—blessed in her who does it, and in her to whom it is done; work which shall ennoble you with the only true nobility, and which shall invest you here with more than queenly dignity and queenly renown—work which shall one day be openly acknowledged and rewarded by him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Crown of the British Empire sits at this time on the head of a woman, and its sceptre is swayed by a female hand. She is hedged with the divinity which surrounds a queen.—The riches of nature and the labours of art are laid under contribution to minister to her wants. Her person is protected by the bravest army, and her wishes are anticipated by the proudest of her lords. Her name is familiar as a household word in every dwelling, and remembered at the throne of God wherever prayer and supplication are made. Her dominion stretches from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth. Her subjects belong to all tribes and kindreds and tongues and peoples, while she herself is among the humblest and godliest of them all. **THE QUEEN, God bless her!** we